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GILMAN'S

LIBYA SITUATION STABILISED BRITISH AWAIT VITAL BATTLE German Forces Hungry And Weary

CAIRO, APR. 15 (REUTER).—THE SITUATION IN LIBYA IS NOW STABILISED ALTHOUGH FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON, SAY WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES HERE.

STRONG BRITISH FORCES HAVE TAKEN UP POSITIONS TO GIVE BATTLE IN THE MOST FAVOURABLE STRATEGIC AREA AND EVEN SHOULD THE GERMAN COMMAND CONTINUE TO FLOG ITS TROOPS AND VEHICLES TO THE LIMIT IN THE WESTERN DESERT THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY.

U.S. BOMBERS FOR SINGAPORE

Another Reaches Manila

Special to the "Telegraph"

MANILA, Apr. 16 (UP).—The second consolidated bomber arrived here apparently enroute to Singapore. It was disclosed that Clyde Pangborn and Bernt Balchen, noted trans-Atlantic pilots, flew the camouflaged bombers to Manila, and it is expected that British crews will take them over for the remainder of the trip, while the Americans return to the States by Clipper.

Famed Flyer

Clyde Pangborn was the first pilot to make a non-stop trans-Pacific flight with Hugh Herndon in 1930 and has recently been engaged in ferrying United States built bombers to Britain across the Atlantic.

Bernt Balchen was chief pilot of the south pole in 1929. The pilots are engaged in flying aircraft, with civil status, for the Canadian Pacific Air Service.

Cruiser Sunk

New British Loss

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—An Admiralty communiqué issued today states the British cruiser Bonaventure was torpedoed and sunk while escorting a convoy. The vessel was of 3,450 tons and was completed in 1940. She is the fourth cruiser to be sunk, the others being the Edinburgh, Southampton and Calypso.

The Bonaventure was armed with 10 5.25 inch guns, six torpedo tubes, one catapult aeroplane and had a complement of 400 officers and men. "Reuter" reports that a British submarine sank an enemy tanker bound for a port in occupied France.

AMERICAN AID TO CHINA

Shih's Conference

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—An early announcement on American aid to China under the Lend Lease Bill was indicated by the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Hu Shih after attending a conference at the White House.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. T. V. Soong, China's leading financial expert.

Hopkins In Charge

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has placed Mr. Harry Hopkins as his official envoy in charge of the purchasing and acquiring of war materials for all countries under the Lend Lease Act.

Kenya Murder Trial

NAIROBI, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Sir Delves Broughton has been committed for trial on a charge of murdering Lord Erroll.

German prisoners state that they have been without food or water for two days and could no longer carry out instructions to push on as fast as possible.

With the British air force holding complete superiority and continually bombing the German supply positions, the German forward units are becoming ragged.

German dive-bombers are neither a match for the British Hurricane nor for British ground troops who hold their fire until the low-flying Nazi planes become targets that can hardly be missed.

German casualties in vehicles are increasing hourly with the incessant destruction caused by R.A.F. bombing.

Why Libyan Campaign Backfired

British Alternatives

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—In a special commentary in the "Yorkshire Post", their military correspondent says that "the point whether we should have completed the conquest of Libya by going through to Tripoli will be an argument even when the war is over."

Libya did not stand alone, however, as the Germans had decided to aid Italy by entering the Balkan campaign while large forces were still engaged in East Africa.

"Our choice of action had to be made from the following:
(1) To accept the German challenge in the Balkans.
(2) To race against the odds in Abyssinia to conquer the country and obtain the use of troops now there.
(3) To concentrate on two African campaigns and give the Germans a walk-over in the Balkans down to the Mediterranean."

Athens Is Saved

Had we decided on the third course, the Germans would now have been in Athens. We surely did the right thing in deciding on the first, and taking a risk in Libya and adjusting matters there by quickly releasing troops after the East African conquest.

"Such adjustment was and is possible, but had we let the Germans Balkans challenge go by the board, or have hesitated to liquidate the East Africa recovery, there would have been hard work for a year or more ahead."

Canadian Premier

OTTAWA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, left Ottawa for Washington today.

Skilful Greek Withdrawal From Albania: No Loss Of Equipment

ATHENS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Details of the Greek evacuation of the north sector on the Albanian front announced here show that it was carried out with precision and in perfect secrecy, the Greeks taking away all material and artillery, and destroying bridges.

The process of evacuation lasted three days. Yesterday the Italians became aware of it and advanced into the Koritza region. Small Greek covering forces were able to retreat themselves without the loss of a single man to the enemy.

The withdrawal has unified the Anglo-Greek defence lines which for the most part now consist of territory regarded as very difficult for mechanised columns.

Not Evacuating
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that there is no truth in the reports that the British are contemplating an evacuation of Greece.

German Claims
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—The German claims that they have occupied Kozano indicated that the British and Greek troops may have straightened out the salient by withdrawing about 35 miles from the advanced positions which, it is believed, they held previously in the Edessa-Florina region.

The Germans have repeatedly bombed Kozano from the start of the Greek campaign, indicating that it is probably an important advance base of the Anglo-Greek armies.

Kozano is situated behind the original Allied salient from Tepelini through Florina to Katerini, covering the Hellenic mainland from the Adriatic to the Aegean Sea.

Earthquake In Mexico

Buildings Topple

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 15 (UP).—A severe earthquake shook the city at 1.30 p.m. today toppling buildings, interrupting communications and causing at least one large fire. There was panic amongst the residents, but no immediate reports of casualties have been received.

Cornices crashed from many buildings in the centre of the city endangering the lives of hundreds who were dashing from the offices. A down-town building was set alight. Drivers deserted their cars on the streets and ran for the open country to escape the falling debris.

Severe Shock

As the "United Press" correspondent watched from his office in the heart of the city, he saw cornices shaken from the 17-story skyscraper diagonally across the Plaza Pasco de la Reforma. Smoke and fires were observed in the distance. Fire engines and ambulances raced through the streets with sirens shrieking.

The shocks were the most severe in the memory of the "United Press" correspondent who had had 11 years service in Mexico City. The buildings were still shaking as this dispatch was being transmitted. The Chief of Police reported eight fires in various parts of the city.

Royal Air Force Smash Sofia And Attack German Columns

CAIRO, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Aiming at the dislocation of German communication at Sofia, the R.A.F. raided the Bulgarian capital on Sunday night. Main goods stations, marshalling yards and warehouses were the chief targets. Many fires were started in the godowns where two trucks sustained direct hits and blew up with a detonation that suggested that they contained explosives.

ABYSSINIA British Chasing After Italians

NAIROBI, Apr. 15 (Reuter).

—British forces en route to Gima have reached the river Omo, 106 miles southwest of Addis Ababa, states an official communiqué.

Having bridged the Awash river, a column moving south from Adama has occupied Aselle without opposition. Large quantities of material taken at Addis Ababa include surveying equipment valued at £10,000.

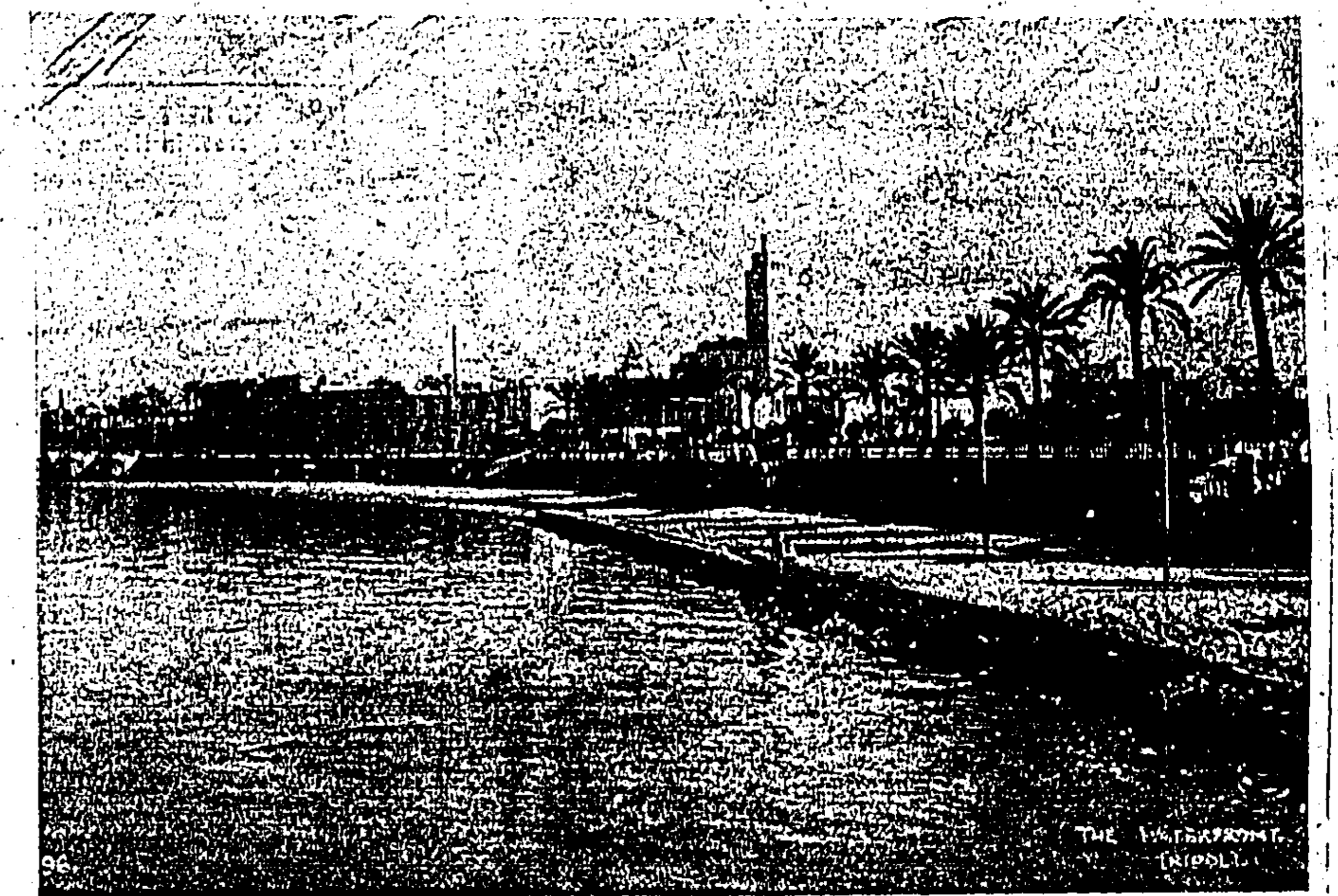
In The Air

CAIRO, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—South African Air Force fighters, operating in Abyssinia, machine-gunned an aerodrome at Gima where two Italian aircraft were burned out.

LATEST

Important Mark For R.A.F. Bombers

Tripoli, it is revealed, has become the chief base for the Nazi and Italian supplies of men and materials in their drive against Egypt. Because of this Tripoli is being constantly attacked by the R.A.F., and considerable damage is reported to the harbour. This picture shows the water front at Tripoli.



Daring Raid On Norway

Former U. S. Warship

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A former United States warship led the raid on a north Norwegian port early on Saturday morning. It was one of the American destroyers taken over by the British last year, four of which are now sailing under the Norwegian flag.

The landing party were mostly hardened Norwegian sailors and fishermen with a sprinkling of pilots who knew every fjord and inlet of the intricate Norwegian coast. The destroyer crept in during the early hours of the morning, and landed the party of volunteers. Telephone and telegraph wires were cut, and local "guiltings" and Germans were rounded up.

Factory Destroyed

Stocks from a fish oil factory were seized and the factory destroyed, after which other oil depots were blown up. The Germans were taken completely by surprise and it was not until 24 hours later that the Nazis in the outside area got wind of the raid. Having done its job well, the destroyer drew off in the early morning without a single Allied loss.

Brilliant Success For Yugo-Slavs Reported

NEW YORK, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A Columbia Broadcasting Company correspondent from somewhere in Yugo-Slavia reports that the Yugo-Slavs have retaken Skolpje and Nish and claim 20,000 prisoners. They have isolated a German panzer (mechanised) division and 400 German tanks.

Italian Boast

ROME, Apr. 15 (UP).—The Stefani news agency reporting the latest news from Yugo-Slavia, states the Serbian army has been almost completely wiped out and their resistance is weakening hourly, adding, "the total and complete collapse of the Serbian army is very near."

New Lightning Thrust?

BERLIN, Apr. 15 (UP).—Hitler's Balkan armies today launched a new lightning thrust at the heart of the Anglo-Greek defence positions in northern Greece, while the last resistance by the Yugo-Slavs is being crushed in the mountain of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It was revealed in today's High Command communiqué.

This is the first German push on the Greek front since the capture of Salonika, and resulted in the first clash between German and British forces. It is indicated that contrary to expectations, the Germans are now awaiting a final collapse of Yugo-Slavia—which is confidently expected here in the very near future for launching a drive against the main Anglo-Greek positions.

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ESCAPES—Captain Eddio Rickenbacker, America's leading war ace, who escaped death but was injured in crash of Eastern Air Lines sloop plane 15 miles south of Atlanta. Sixteen were aboard plane. Rickenbacker, president of Eastern Air, was taken to Atlanta hospital.



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FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—
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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.
The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
China and Macao
16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign
25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
14 cents per copy
16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.

Steamboats' Losses

Report By Directors

The Directors of the Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., submit their statement of the Company's accounts for the year ended December 31, 1940, to be presented at the annual meeting on April 24. The report states:

The loss for the year, after providing for depreciation of steamers at the usual rate, repairs, etc., is \$268,118.01 which has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account, bringing the debit of that account to \$238,378.62, which your Directors recommend to be carried forward to a new account.

The usual overhauls and repairs were effected during the year to the Company's fleet of steamers, which are all in good running order.

Directors.—In accordance with the Articles of Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Li Tze-fong, retire from the Board by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

On March 6, 1940, Mr. D. L. Newbigging was invited to join the Board, and his appointment requires the confirmation of shareholders.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs Linstead & Davis and Messrs Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, who retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

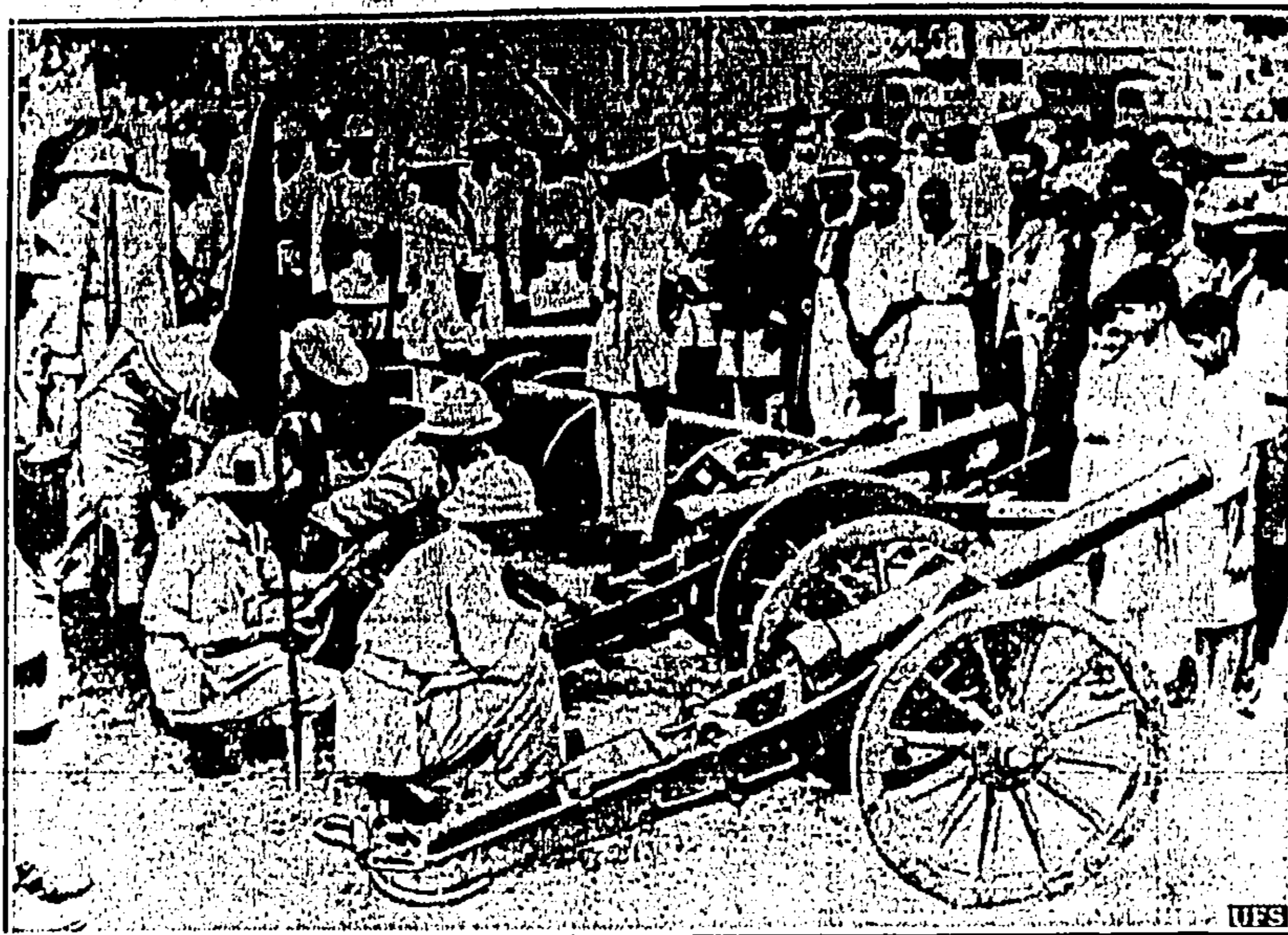
More Mails Lost

The Postmaster General, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, announced yesterday that the following Hongkong airmails to the United Kingdom must be presumed lost by enemy action:

(a) Registered and insured mails posted between 5 p.m. on December 7 and 11.45 a.m. on December 20, 1940; (b) ordinary mails posted between 5.30 p.m. on December 7 and 12.30 p.m. on December 20; (c) ordinary and insured parcels posted between 4 p.m. on December 6 and 10 a.m. on December 20.

Roosevelt Marriage

Hollywood, Apr. 14. James Roosevelt and Nurse Romelle Schneider were married today. The civil ceremony was witnessed by the First Lady (Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt)—United Press.



ITALIANS LEFT GUNS—Natives of Nairobi, capital of British colony of Kenya, East Africa, show interest in Italian guns captured by British in recent operations in Italian Somaliland.

Police Reserve Orders

Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police:

Chinese Company.
Training Course—Part IV.—Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st Floor, for Part IV of Training Course under Inspector (R) Lau Shiu-chuen on Wednesday, April 16, at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Indian Company.
Training Course—Part II.—Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters for instructions in Part II of Training Course under Police Sergeant (R) 214 Channan Singh on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 16, 17, and 18, at 15.15 hours sharp.

Training Course—Part III.—Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters for instructions in Part III of Training Course under O. C. Indian Company on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 16, 17, and 18, at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Emergency Unit Reserve.
Promotion.—Cub Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa has been promoted to the rank of Acting Inspector (R), as from April 7, 1941.

Training Course—Part II.—Members of the "B" Company will attend No. 2 Police Station for instructions in Part II of Training Course on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 16, 17, and 18, at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. EAGAN, D.C.P. (R).

Sanatorium Needed By Anti-T.B. Association

The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association is just bringing to a close its first year of work, and in a meeting of the Council of the Association, preparatory to the annual meeting, is to be held on Friday in the Legislative Council Chamber, when the report of the Executive Committee and the statement of accounts will be discussed.

The Report of the Scientific Subcommittee, of which Professor R. C. Robertson is Chairman, has been co-ordinated with the reports of other sub-committees in the General Report. This Sub-Committee has made strong recommendations that the condition of houses in the poorer districts of the Colony should be looked into, that existing Government rules on house ventilation should be put thoroughly in operation, that opening of open-air schools should be encouraged, and that the Hongkong Association should appeal to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in England for help by sending out an expert to study the local tuberculosis problem and make recommendations.

The Committee expressed the view further that the general use of B.C.G. and Vole-Bacillus in this Colony should be deferred till further experiments have been completed; that the Association should press for, as a minimum, a 150-bed hospital and a 300-bed sanatorium for the treatment and care of T. B. patients; and that institutions should be built in non-malarial districts with sanitary facilities.

"There should be established," the report continues, "numbers of well-equipped Chest Clinics in town for the selection of cases to be sent to the institutions, these clinics to have not only X-ray equipment but also an independent laboratory of their own."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: A very quiet day.

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$70
Indo-China (Pref.) \$80
Wharves \$80
Entertainments \$0.50

Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,350
Lands \$33
Star Ferries \$52
Lights "New" \$1.70
Telephone "Q" \$23.25
Watsons \$0.70

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11. K. T.
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Gerald and His Orchestra.
1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet in Sea Shanties.
Storm Along; Roll the Wood-Pile Down; Nouse Irons A Valparaiso; Selucumuni - Sta Lampa; Sally Brown; Hanging Johnny; Whisky Johnny.

1.12 Light Orchestral Selections.
Love in Idleness—Serenade (Macbeth)... Court Symphony Orchestra; Chinese Night Waten (Sledge); Petersburg Sleigh-Ride Party (Ellenberg)... Otto Dörndt and His Concert Orchestra; Bulera (Ravel); Entrance of the Little Fauns (Péleas); Jack Payne and His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 Variety.

2.15 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Dance Music.

7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—"From the Old Country".

Talk by Bernard Wetherall.
7.30 Selections from Light Opera.

The Gypsy Princess—Selection (Kalam). De Groot and The Three Waltzes (Oscar Strauss after Johann Strauss); Oul Je T'Aime O Paris; Je T'Aime... Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Orchestra and Chorus; "The Miracle"—Selection (Humperdinck)... London Symphony Orchestra; "Floradora"—Tell Me Pretty Maiden (Leslie Stuart)... Victor Mixed Chorus with Instr. Acc.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 Studio—Two Piano Recital by Eddie and Michael Boder.

(By courtesy of the Parisian Grill): 1. Poet and Peasant Overture (Suppe); 2. In A Persian Market (Ketelbey); 3. Nola; 4. Black Eyes and Two Guitars.

8.20 Orchestral Interlude.
Night on the Bare Mountain (Moussorgsky)... London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.

8.30 Studio—"Makers of Medicine" No. 6—"The Looking-glass under the Pillow, Sir D. Corriean".
Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.

8.50 Chopin—Ballade No. 1 in G Minor, Alfred Cortot (Piano).

9.00 London Relay—The News.
9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 Light French Variety with Lucienne Boyer, Maurice Chevalier, and others.
9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 Studio—The Second of a series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and To-day by Evelyn Wood. Illustrated by scenes from Classical and Modern Plays by the Studio Players.

10.35 Strauss—Les Poursuits Genillhomme—Suite, Op. 60.
Overture—Menuet—Courante—Entry and Dance of the Tailors—The Master at Arms—Prelude to Act 2 (Intermezzo)—The Dinner Music—Menuet (Lully)—The Dinner Music—Walther Stramm Orchestra of Paris.

11.00 Close Down.

LOCAL ESTATE

Local estate sworn under \$900 was left by the late Mr. Charles Joseph Gallot, a Customs officer, of 2 Queen's Road Central, who died on or about August 18, 1940, at the British General Hospital, Tientsin. A petition by Mr. J. T. Prior, solicitor, the lawful attorney, for letters of administration to the estate, has been granted.

Yachting Mishap

Mr Jensen's Brenda Sinks In Squall

Mr F. V. Jensen, Manager of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd., had an exciting time last Saturday when he was forced to swim ashore to Kat O Chau Island after his yacht Brenda had sunk, during a squall, in Crooked Harbour.

Mr Jensen, who was accompanied by a boat boy, had sailed out to Port Shelter on Friday and was anchored in Crooked Harbour on Saturday evening when a sudden squall struck the vicinity. The squall first approached from the East, and then diminished in fury. The yacht had in the meantime swung broadside to a fresh squall from the west, and capsized, sinking and taking the dinghy with her.

Mr Jensen and his boat boy climbed the mast, which showed about four feet above the surface after the Brenda had settled on the bottom. They hung on there until the wind and sea had subsided, then swam ashore to Crooked Island, a few hundred yards away. They managed to secure a passage on a junk, after drying their clothing, to Shataukoi, where they were given brandy and warm clothing at the Police Station.

Mr Jensen had owned Brenda for about 11 years, but had never gone far for racing, being content merely to cruise about during week-ends and holidays.

CHOLERA

Hope Expressed That It Has Reached Its Peak

The hope that the present Cholera epidemic had already reached its peak, was expressed yesterday by the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, who however declined to give any definite prognosis, in view of the well-known association between epidemics of infectious diseases of the bowels with high temperatures and high relative humidity.

Since the beginning of the year up to Monday last, there had been 639 Cholera cases and 375 deaths, for the week ending on Saturday last there were 20 cases and 24 deaths.

As regards Small-pox, there were seven cases and five deaths, from the beginning of the year up to Monday. There was no case and no death for the week ending on Saturday.

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Reception For Mr B. S. Fong

A tea reception in honour of Mr B. S. Fong, former Chairman of the San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the People's Political Council, was given by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at the Council Chambers in Connaught Road Central yesterday.

Mr Fong had intended to return to America by Clipper this week, but has postponed his departure for about two weeks.

Mr Fong said that the overseas Chinese were solidly behind the National Government of China, and as evidence of their support, over U.S.\$10,000,000 had been donated by American Chinese alone since the beginning of the war. Of this sum, U.S.\$5,000,000 was given last year in the form of 100 aeroplanes.

Medical Association

The next general meeting of the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association will be held at the Chinese Merchants Club, China Building, on Friday, April 18, at 8.30 p.m., when Dr Lydia Fehilly will deliver an address on "The Prevention of Beriberi."

A cordial invitation is extended to all members.

POST OFFICE

On Thursday, 17th instant, the General Post Office will be closed at 6 p.m.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulungsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 14th April Apr. 21.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 19th April Apr. 26.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS
Friday, April 18
Air Mail by Air to Hongkong to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. Apr. 18, 4.00 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 18, 4.30 p.m.

Monday, Apr. 19
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".

K. P. O.
Reg. April 21, 5 p.m.
Ord. April 21, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.
Reg. April 21, 5 p.m.
Ord. April 21, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 20
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".

K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Reg. Apr. 20, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 20, 5.30 p.m.

Bomber Fund Raffle

Indian Constable's Car

It was learned yesterday that the Sunbeam Talbot sports car donated by Gilman and Co. to the Bomber Fund Raffle, was won by Indian Constable B286, Tulsa Sqn, of Talpo Station. The winner is advertising its sale, being willing to take the best offer for the vehicle.

Among the big prizes claimed yesterday were: Single diamond ring (donated by Sennet Freres), Mr. Wong Hok-chun; lady's diamond and platinum watch (Directors, Ipeh-djan Bros. Ltd.), a European member of the staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; electric automatic record player (Jimmy's Kitchen), Mr. N. M. Marques; Innnox Beauty Case (C.M. Dispensary), Mr. E. Griffin; Morrison-Mint Grand Piano (Tsung Fook Piano Co.), a member of the Royal Engineers.

Military Vehicles To Observe Black-Out

It is notified by the Air Raid Precautions office, for general information, that during the remainder of the week, all lights on military vehicles will be obscured or dimmed in accordance with the Black-out Order of 1940.

Drivers of public and private vehicles, on observing the approach of any military vehicle using restricted lighting, are requested to give every consideration to the difficult conditions under which the military personnel will be driving, and in order to reduce the risk of accident, should either dip or switch off their headlights.

Military manoeuvres and manning exercises have been in progress since early yesterday morning, and will continue until the week-end. Vital defence points are being manned, and the exercises have resulted in large numbers of military vehicles being on the roads, day and night, both on the island and the mainland.

The practice black-out for the entire Colony is to take place on Thursday evening, commencing at sunset.

Motorcycle In Water

A military motorcycle driven by L/Cpl R. J. Smith dived into the harbour near Blake Pier last night following a collision with a taxi.

According to a report made to the Police, the taxi, driven by Tong Chien, was in Connaught Road Central at 8.5 p.m. and when near the Douglas, which it turned prior to parking. The motorcycle struck the rear mudguard and glanced off into the sea. The soldier was thrown to the ground.

WEDDINGS

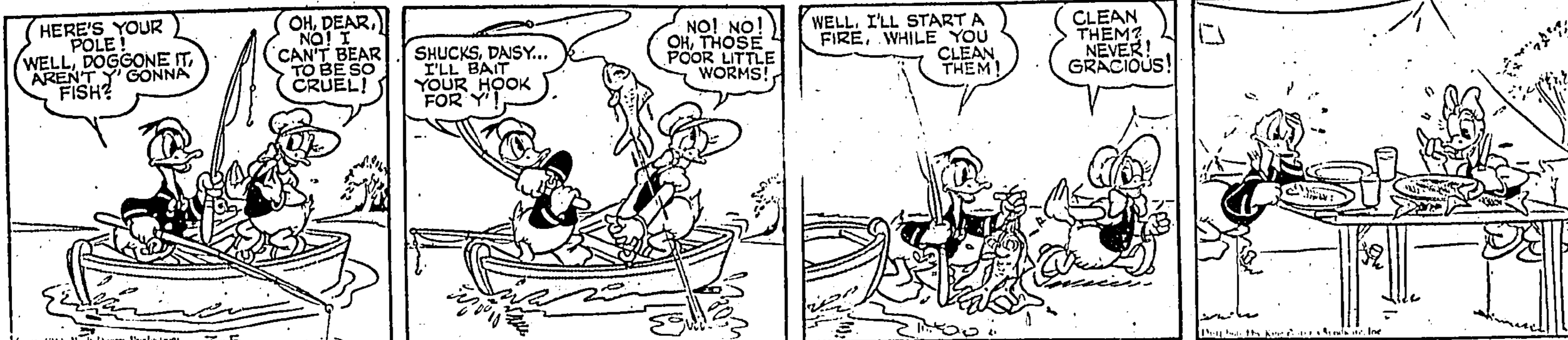
The following forthcoming weddings are announced:

The Rev. Charles Machan Steel, minister of religion, Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, to Miss Eva Maynard, teacher, of 65 Coburn, Sheffield, England;

The Rev. Vernon Stones, minister of religion, Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, to Miss Dorothy Ann White, nursing sister, of 5 Aireville Grange, Frinton, Bradford, Yorkshire, England;

Many in the Colony will be sorry to learn of the passing of Mr John Bentley, formerly of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., news of whose death in his home town of Southport, Lancashire, some time in February, has just been received.

DONALD DUCK



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By Lichty



"How was I to know he was a mess officer—I work on him all evening and all I get is the plans and recipes for feeding 35,000 men!"

Most Ambitious Woman in Europe

COUNTESS EDDA CIANO, Mussolini's eldest daughter, who has given birth to three children and the Rome-Berlin Axis during eleven years of married life, is seeing her dreams of a great new Roman Empire go up in smoke from the charred ruins in Africa.

She has stumped Europe for the last five years—wearing the family diplomatic trousers—the most ambitious woman in Europe.

Her personal vanity has influenced great events.

In Rome the women who dislike her aggressive ways blame her for the present war.

Countess Ciano is Mussolini's favourite child. She is different from the podgy Vittorio and Bruno, the fine-weather flyers who machine-gunned Ethiopian tribesmen, and Romano and Anna Maria, the younger children. So different that the report has been long current in European capitals—that her mother was a Russian woman Socialist who captivated the labour agitator who was later to rule Italy.

Her age is doubtful.

At the time of her marriage in April 1930 it was given as 19.

Cold-Shouldered

SIX years ago Edda was cold-shouldered by London. Official receptions and dinner parties were given for her. She went to Ascot for the Hunt Cup. She did a little sight-seeing. But Mayfair turned fur-coated backs to the visitor. She went back to Rome disgruntled.

She had been made much of by English people during a previous trip to India. The Viceroy, Lord Halifax, then Lord Irwin, had entertained her.

But the heart of the British Empire had not stirred at her arrival. And she did not like it.

A year later, in fateful 1936, she went to Berlin.

Hitler invited her to dinner. She sat on his right hand.

Ribbentrop, Goering, and Goebbels attended another banquet given for her. She became very friendly with the Goerings, who did her the



Edda—Mother of the Axis

honour of christening one of their children after her.

Big, blond Nordic escorts flattered her.

Hitler gave her a signed photograph.

Rudolf Hess handed out long explanations about German-Italian co-operation and painted pictures of a new world order.

Previous Italian relations with Germany had been distinctly cool.

Edda stayed a month in Berlin, and the Nazi chiefs continued to treat her with rather more respect than they would have paid to a princess. She held long conversations with serious-minded Hess.

Then she went home.

Four months later her husband signed the Axis Treaty with Germany.

"Edda was the mother," said the Berlin wits. "Hess was the father by proxy."

MUSSOLINI's dictate that a woman's place is in the home is contradicted every day of the year by Edda's activities.

She has given the State two future soldier sons and one housewife-to-be, but unlike

the Queen, the Crown Princess and Mrs. Mussolini herself she has always had a will of her own to defy father.

Italians believe that she is the only person in the world, since her uncle Arnaldo Mussolini died, who can in the slightest way affect Mussolini's decisions.

She does not admit it.

Once she was asked if she would like to be his secretary. "I can help my father best by tenderness," she replied. "I am interested in music and sculpture. Politics leave me indifferent. In the Duce I see only the man who is my father."

To these remarks Rome socialites use the phrase with which Edda herself surprised Sir Eric Drummond, the British Ambassador—"Aw! Boloney!"

She picked that up in Shanghai. That and less polite American slang.

At one time Mussolini planned to marry her off to the Crown Prince.

But that gentleman did not share the Dictator's enthusiasm and so Edda, after a spell under a strict English governess and another at the smartest girls' school in Italy—from which she once ran away—married instead young Ciano.

The Facts...

GALEZZO CIANO then was chiefly known as the son of his father, who was Mussolini's right-hand man.

The father, now dead, had been chosen by the Fascist Supreme Council as his successor, should one be needed. He was a man once of small fortune but died one of the richest men in Italy.

The younger Ciano, after a spell as man about town and another as gossip writer for a little-known Italian newspaper, was slowly rising in the Fascist scale. He went to Shanghai after his marriage, but it was not long before he returned to become in due course Foreign Minister.

His wife still professed her indifference to politics.

"Women," she said, "should not interfere in politics. Their function in Fascist Italy is to have children and live a home life."

But she did come home from London annoyed with the English.

She did come home from Berlin charmed with the Germans.

The Axis was born shortly afterwards.

There are more ways than one of taking part in diplomacy. Perhaps it is a pity that the British Foreign Office, unlike the elephant, sometimes forgets that.

Crossword Puzzle

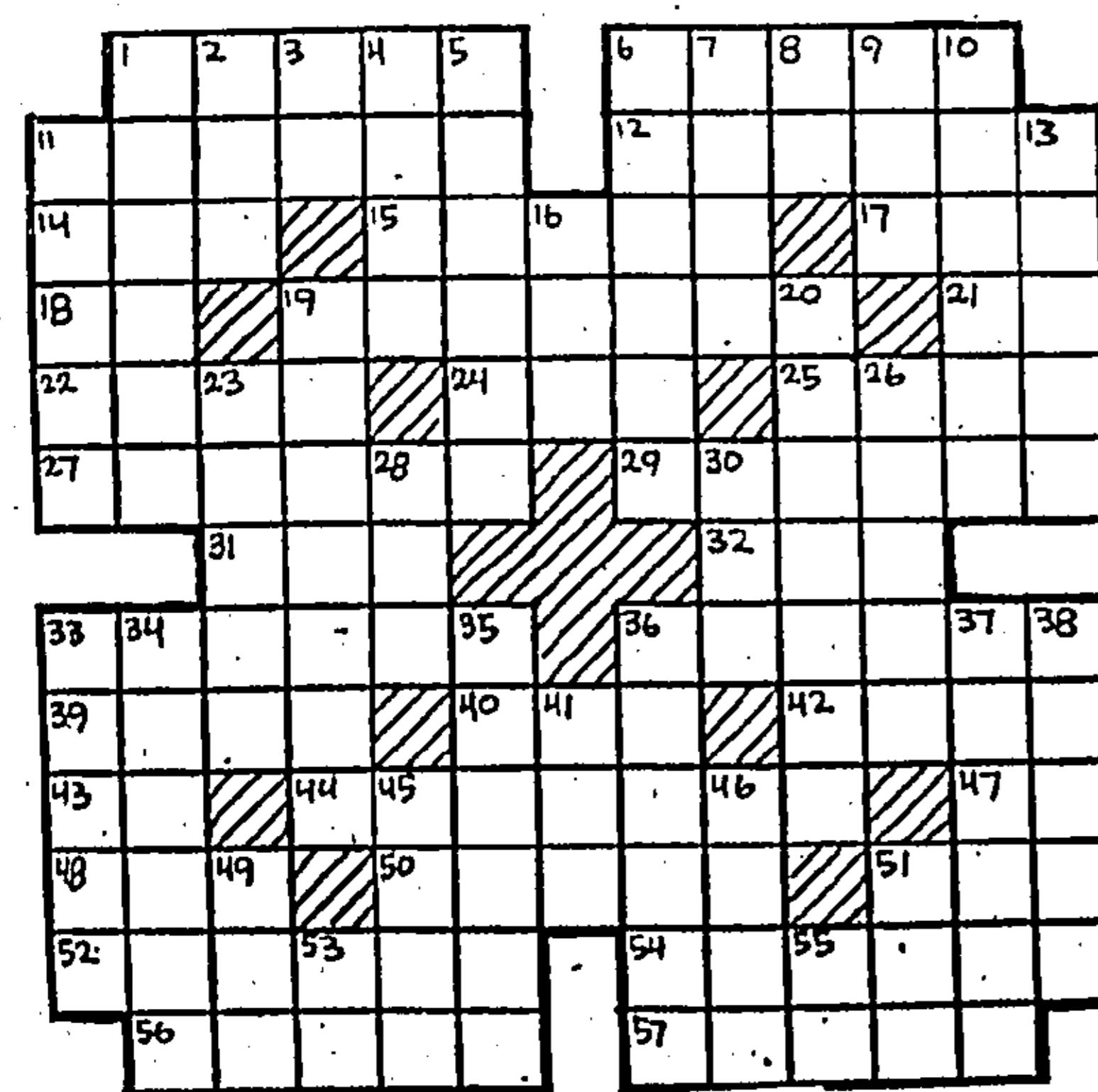
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Fraudulent
- 2—Transparent
- 3—Mexican state
- 4—Supplies new end
- 5—Armistice
- 6—Portuguese
- 7—Worthless thing
- 8—French article
- 9—Schemer
- 10—Universal tongue
- 11—Bee in Turkistan
- 12—Bumby with crew
- 13—Pretend against
- 14—Vicinity
- 15—Yearly
- 16—Western Indian
- 17—Embryo
- 18—Obvious
- 19—Proceeds under steam power
- 20—Proprietor
- 21—Sea eagle
- 22—Clean
- 23—One
- 24—College student in last year (pl.)
- 25—Nickel
- 26—Meadow
- 27—Uttermost priest
- 28—Years of life
- 29—English poet
- 30—Hardened

DOWN

- 1—Proceed
- 2—Russian mountains
- 3—Debut of Herodias
- 4—Part of name of famous marrying place
- 5—Unsprayed
- 6—Year
- 7—Title of respect
- 8—Ancient Greek city
- 9—Evergreen shrub
- 10—Became theodolite
- 11—Billions near to
- 12—Cheap horses (slang)
- 13—Texas police
- 14—Bump
- 15—Things of small value
- 16—Leonard
- 17—Quoniam fabric
- 18—Virgil's epic
- 19—Don't care
- 20—Holes in sleep
- 21—Feeding trough
- 22—New suddenly
- 23—Fire
- 24—Pale poetry
- 25—Novada city
- 26—Beverage
- 27—Metric measure
- 28—Note of scale
- 29—Abraham's birth place



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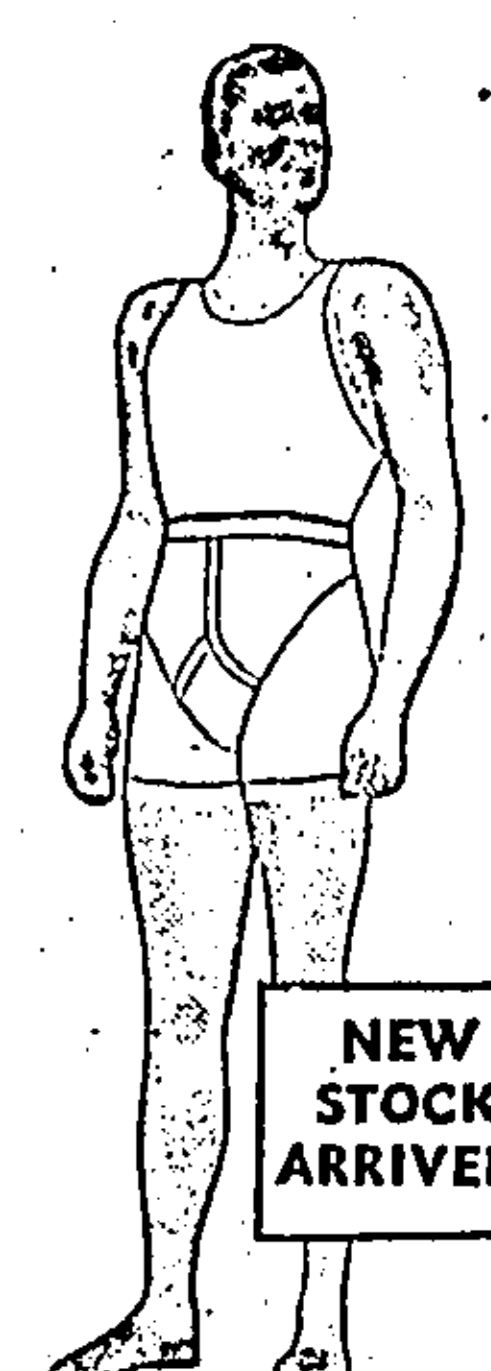
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THE RIVAL LOAVES

SINCE this is an all-in war, from the dangers of which not even the brass-hats are excluded, it is not surprising to learn that the white loaf in England has to be fortified. Many have contended for years that it stood badly in need of fortification—though to be fair it must be added that others have praised it as the summit of dietetic excellence.

But it seems to have been easier to put Britain in a state of complete defence after Dunkirk than to fortify the white loaf. Great Britain stands four-square to all the Nazi blasts or minasata that may blow, but the ordinary loaf, wearing the white flour of a blameless (or, as some say, blameful) life, nevertheless still stands defenceless, and the Food Ministry cannot promise that it will be made impregnable for a few months yet. Apparently magic vitamins cannot be conjured into existence as rapidly as was expected or hoped.

In the meantime, the people are promised a new version of that brown loaf which for long has been fanatically favoured in some quarters. A desperate civil war seems to impend in the bread world, for the new brown is apparently to be a formidable fellow bristling with dietetic muniments, and ready to fly at his white rival on the slightest provocation or none at all. How bakers are to maintain peace in their establishments with all this belligerent material around is hard to tell.

The staff of life, it is hoped, will not become a sword, nor citizens be so busy giving one another the lie concerning the respective merits or demerits of the rival loaves that they will forget to fight the real cause of all the trouble—the Germans.

A NEW ATLANTIC

IN the smoking-room of a modest club in London, an exiled King sits in conference with his Ministers.

When their Cabinet meeting is over, King and Ministers lunch together in the club dining-room—a tall, lean man surrounded by half-a-dozen others, who, from their robust and genial appearance, might be mistaken for master mariners.

He is King Haakon of Norway, and his Ministers are the Government of Free Norway.

Thirty-five years ago this simple and modest man was called to the throne of the most peaceful State in Europe.

For thirty-five years, while Europe lived in a turmoil of revolutions, industrial revolts, wars and political crises, Haakon stood at the helm of his ship of Vikings.

King And People

Leader of a nation of sailors, fishermen and peasants, he ruled over a vast, thinly populated, largely barren country of forests and fjords, stretching from the 58th parallel of latitude to the Arctic Circle.

Most of his country's wealth lay on the sea, in its great merchant fleet, and in the sea, in the cod fisheries and herring schools of the Northern waters.

His people were a people who counted few rich men, and hardly any poor, as we know poverty. They lived hardly and simply, in peace with their neighbours and with all the world.

During the world war of 1914-18 they maintained a severe neutrality. During the post-war years they worked indefatigably for the peace of Europe.

They believed ardently in the League of Nations. They believed in the permanence of their own neutrality.

They even tried, at the Oslo Conference, to erect neutrality into a permanent political instrument, by grouping together all the neutrals of Europe into a kind of minor League of Nations.

Neighbours

They were also one of the few States of northern Europe who did not regard the Soviet Union with hostility and growing disquiet.

Russia had always been a good neighbour to Norway, even in the remotest times—a better neighbour, in fact, than the Finns, which accounts for Norway's reluctance to take sides in the Russo-Finnish war last winter, and for her continued good relations with Moscow.

And after the last world war the Norwegians showed sympathy with the Weimar Republic of Germany, welcomed to their homes the children of starving German and Austrian families, worked hard for reconciliation and appeasement.

Disillusion

And then came the tragic disillusionment. At dawn on April 9, 1940, by a combination of treachery, surprise and intimidation never before displayed even by the Nazis, the Germans invaded Norway.

The German and Austrian children of the early post-war years had grown up into fanatical Hitler-worshipping, Nazi storm troopers and docile conscripts.

Speaking the Norwegian they had learned in the homes of their compassionate hosts, they crept into Norwegian harbours by stealth in the holds of merchant vessels, threw off the mask, and occupied Norway in the name of Hitler.

Haakon, to his eternal credit, refused to surrender. His ministers followed him.

by **George Slocombe**

The Famous Foreign Correspondent

Hitler's demand for the formation of a government under Major Quisling was rejected.

After the first stunning moment of surprise and confusion, Norwegian resistance began in the forests and villages of Northern and Central Norway. Allied troops were landed.

Then came the unparalleled series of disasters in the Low Countries and in France. The Allied troops were withdrawn to fight the more desperate battle at home.

Stubborn People

The King and his ministers took refuge in England. The second phase of Norway's resistance began—the underground phase at home; the naval phase abroad.

Norway's fortunes are now, as in the days of the Vikings, cast upon the waters. King Haakon still rules over a nation afloat. A great whaling fleet in the north, the Faroe Islands.

A merchant fleet fourth among the fleets of the world. Destroyers and submarines. A small air force.

Don't believe for a moment that Norway is entirely in the hands of the enemy. The northern part of the great peninsula is still unconquered, and it may be unconquerable.

There are stubborn centres of resistance in those ice-covered mountains, those dark forests.

If Hitler invades Sweden, as he probably will sooner or later, as soon as Sweden is more useful to him occupied than unoccupied, it will be largely in order to march into conquered Norway through the narrow northern neck of the peninsula.

And also, perhaps, to ensure his invasion troops can pass on the Norwegian coast from the possibility of surprise and guerrilla warfare from the rear.

The war has radically changed Norway's foreign policy. The sterile and dangerous neutrality upon which she based her hopes of permanent peace has proved illusory.

Socialist Lead

She has realised, for the first time in nearly a century, that her fate cannot be linked along with the fortunes of continental Europe.

Her fortunes lie upon the sea. They are linked, not with Germany, but with Britain, as the Norwegian King Sverre proclaimed in the thirteenth century.

But they are also linked with all the maritime nations on the Atlantic seaboard.

Hence the importance and the novelty of the ideas now being advocated by the Norwegian acting Foreign Minister, Trygve Lie.

Mr Lie is a Socialist, like most of the members of Haakon's Cabinet. He is a lawyer by profession, and has for some years been legal adviser to the Norwegian trade unions.

WEAPONS OF TERROR

By
Miller Watson

WE get strange news in these days. It seems that, in Brazil, a tribe of savage Indians has attacked a missionary post and the authorities have been forced to send troops to the rescue.

It is almost incredible news—the very idea that war can be carried on in anything but the modern, mechanised, total way. But in reading of this incident I have been reminded of the fact that long before Hitler invented screaming and incendiary bombs the South American Indians had practised total war and employed clever means of inspiring terror in their enemies.

The Indians now causing the trouble are of the Bororo tribe, a tribe which has never accepted "civilisation," and which still carries on a relentless war against the white man. I have seen some of the weapons they used when they fought against other tribes, and some of them served one purpose only—the spreading of panic and terror.

A device which intrigued me was a perforated gourd which, when swung round in the air at the end of a rope, gave out a wailing note of hair-raising pitch. This weapon of terror might almost be the prototype of some of Hitler's weapons.

Another noise-producer was made from two discs of hardwood which, when twisted against each other, produced a nerve-racking shriek. A felled and the attack was made by methods of warfare so long practised by the Bororo Indians.

When the Bororos attacked another tribe they did the job in a "total" manner. All the old men and even the women accompanied the warriors and helped to make a noise. If the rifles and the machine-guns of the attack were made at night they shot troops with absolute fearlessness.

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say nothing of large horns which served the purpose of a megaphone and through which the Indians belated blood-curdling threats. No doubt there was little How-Haw about this kind of propaganda, but it probably served its purpose even better.

Gongs made of shells, drums of bamboo and skin, bunches of canes which were rattled ferociously, and cylinders full of stones which could be rattled were all terror arms in the hands of the Bororo Indians.

But they did not stop at noise. They painted themselves with weird and fearful designs. They wore masks of horrific expression, and many of them had artificial "dentures" made from alligator tusks, which protruded from their mouths and must have made them as dangerous looking as sabre-toothed tigers.

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White men run grave risks in passing through the Bororo country. They will receive no mercy if they fall into the hands of these savages, who know no pity.

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America Is Suspicious Of Soviet-Japan Pact

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (UP).—Diplomatic sources to-day predicted that the Russo-American conversations on commercial relations will be stopped temporarily until the meaning of the Russo-Japanese pact is clarified.

Comment on the treaty is still guarded and varied. Observers believed that the United States will continue its efforts to better relations with Russia, despite the pact, if there is convincing proof that the treaty will result in a stronger Russian stand against Germany in Europe.

In the case of Japan, however, the already strained relations are not expected to improve. Most observers here see the treaty as a threat against Anglo-American interests in the Orient, inasmuch as it is believed that Japan previously feared a Russian attack in event of her southward expansion.

Russian Comment
MOSCOW, Apr. 15 (UP).—The official organ, "Izvestia", in an editorial to-day hailed the Russo-Japanese pact as the "turning point in history of the relations between the two countries, ending the old traditional enmity, and heralding a new phase which is promising to be fruitful."

Other newspapers gave prominence to the exchange of telegrams between Mr. Matukoka and Mr. Molotov, as well as Prince Kuniyoshi's statement that "I am convinced of the historic significance of Soviet-Japanese relations which is adding considerably in the establishment of peace throughout the world."

Japanese circles reported the trade and fisheries negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily and that an agreement is imminent.

Japanese Humble
TOKYO, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—After the first flush of enthusiasm for the new Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact, Japanese newspapers adopted a more reserved tone to-day. Caution is urged and the view expressed that unless Moscow suspends help to China and reaches an agreement with Japan on the various issues at present outstanding between the countries, the pact will be valueless.

One newspaper says that the pact should not be construed as a gesture of goodwill to Japan, but the natural policy of the Soviet Union which seeks profit by the wars of others.

Air Duels Over English Channel

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Royal Air Force fighters carried out offensive patrols over the Channel and Northern France during daylight to-day and shot down two German fighters.

A German bomber was also destroyed by fighters over the Channel. One British fighter is missing. No bombs fell on Britain during daylight on Tuesday.

Night Alert

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The alert sounded in the London area at a late hour to-night. Enemy aircraft were reported over areas in the northwest, east and south west of England, north Midlands and East Anglia.

U. S. Fighting Personnel

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A bill increasing the officer and enlisted strength of the United States Navy and Marine Corps to 232,000 was passed and sent to the White House by the Senate to-day.

The bill also authorizes the President to acquire 200,000 tons of auxiliary vessels for national defense and to raise the number of men enlisted to 300,000 at his discretion.

Idle Foreign Ships In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Legislation authorizing the President during the present emergency to purchase, requisition or take possession of foreign merchantmen, lying idle in United States ports was laid before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day by the Chairman, Senator George.

STOCK EXCHANGE Caution Prevails

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Mediterranean situation is responsible for the generally cautious tendency prevailing in the Stock Exchange to-day. Prices were widely marked down, but there was no selling pressure.

Oil shares and European bonds especially, were easy, but industrial securities closed steeper. Japanese and Brazilian bonds also declined.

Wall Street was barely steady.

Hitler Carves Up Territory

BERLIN, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Hitler has appointed Nazi civil administrators for German occupied Yugo-Slav territories of lower Styria, Carinthia and Carniola, former Austrian territory incorporated in Yugo-Slavia after the last war.

The civil administrators will be directly responsible to Hitler. The execution of military law remains in the hands of the army.

South African Troops

PRETORIA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—"The South African military forces are now likely to have the opportunity of serving in Africa beyond East Africa and Abyssinia," said the Department of Defence statement to-day, calling for recruits for all branches of the defence forces.



REFUGEE HAVEN—Rafael L. Trujillo, left, former President of Dominican Republic, discusses in New York with Archduke Otto, pretender to Austrian throne, large-scale settlement in Dominica of oppressed Catholics.

INDIAN TRIUMPH AT MASSAWA

NEW DELHI, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Many deeds of gallantry by Indian troops during the operations leading to the fall of Massawa are described in despatches received from Eritrea. The Indian troops were quick to seize the advantage and attempt actions against odds which normally would have been extremely hazardous. On several occasions enemy machine gun positions concealed in wire entanglements were taken at the bayonet point, and one sepooy in taking such a post single-handedly crawled close enough to throw a hand grenade.

Another highlight led a detachment across a bullet swept area and minefield to cut off 500 Italian naval ratings holding one sector of the line. During the attack on the port, an Indian Company led by a subadar succeeded in rounding up approximately 200 prisoners, all Europeans who were preparing to make a stand. The subadar sent a platoon around the flank with orders to open rapid fire and eventually effected a clever capture.

Past Minefields

Indian troops in carriers were the first to enter Massawa, despite minefields crowding the entrance, which were easily located and disposed of by Indian Sappers and miners. As soon as the troops were dislodged at Massawa, there was a general rush seaward and bathing was soon in full swing, though it was nearly midnight. Meanwhile the khán samas were settling down to cook an enormous meal of celebration over the capture of Italian oranges.

Civil Service XI

The Civil Service team to play Indians in a second division league cricket fixture on Saturday is—Lt. E. Strange (captain), G. Ainslie, V. C. Bond, G. Davidson, F. Lawrence, C. Lockhart, J. P. McGowan, Mitchell, R. Parrott, N. L. Smith, A. Watson.

Liaison With Turks

Ankara, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Lieut. Gen. Sir James Marshall-Cornwall has left here for Egypt. Accompanied by Air Marshal Elmhirst he arrived in Turkey from Egypt at the beginning of April to resume talks with the Turkish General Staff.

U. S. Has A Million Under Arms

WASHINGTON, April 15 (UP).—The United States had 1,264,310 men under arms on March 10, the first time the figure has crossed the million mark since the World War.

The War Department reported that the Army now has 68,500 officers and 935,000 men, including regulars, national guardsmen, reserves on active duty and selective trainees. This number is expected to be increased to 1,418,000 by July 1.

The Navy has 214,710 actives and reserves on duty, and the Marine Corps has 40,100. Legislation is pending to increase the strength of the Navy to 300,000, and of the Marine Corps to 60,000.

Remarkable Feat

War Department authorities considered the expansion of the Army to date a remarkable feat. They pointed out that when the Armistice was signed on Nov. 11, 1918, Army strength had reached a peak of 3,673,888 and that it stood at only 187,886 on June 30, 1939.

Coincident with release of the Army data, the Senate hoisted a "keep out" sign to potential invaders of the Americas. Without a word of debate, the Chamber approved a resolution serving notice that this country will not recognize the transfer of any geographic region in the Western Hemisphere from one non-American power to another non-American power.

Transfer Of Gold Stocks Completed

WASHINGTON, April 15 (UP).—One of the largest transportation jobs in history—transfer of some \$10,000,000,000 in gold from New York to the Fort Knox, Kentucky, underground stronghold—has just been completed by Federal agents after eight months of secret work.

The shipments started last July when European gold, sent to the United States for war supplies and other equipment, threatened to swamp the New York Federal Reserve Board's storage facilities.

Since that time, 45 trains, bearing 672,827 gold bars worth \$9,055,884,651, have arrived in Fort Knox. This boosted the Kentucky gold stock to \$14,579,591,387—or approximately two-thirds of the U.S. holdings of \$22,179,232,490.

No Hitch

Post Office department officials supervised the transfer, and Secret Service agents of the Treasury Department served as guards. In addition, each trainload was protected by two army officers and 34 enlisted men.

Departure of each train usually occurred at night, and the routes and schedules were kept secret. Officials said that no untoward incident occurred during any of the trips.

Panama Canal Trade Down

Lowest Transit Figures

WASHINGTON, April 15 (UP).—Transits through the Panama Canal during 1940 were the lowest recorded since 1935.

The aggregate number of ocean-going commercial vessels passing through the Canal last year totalled 5,058, a decrease of 870 vessels or 15 percent as compared with 1939.

The decreased movement of cargo through the Canal in 1940, was due to the relatively low level of trade to and from Europe. Trade between Europe and the West Coast of the United States and Canada dropped from 4,872,000 tons in 1939 to 2,420,000 in 1940, while the Europe-South American traffic fell off from 2,420,000 tons to 984,000 tons.

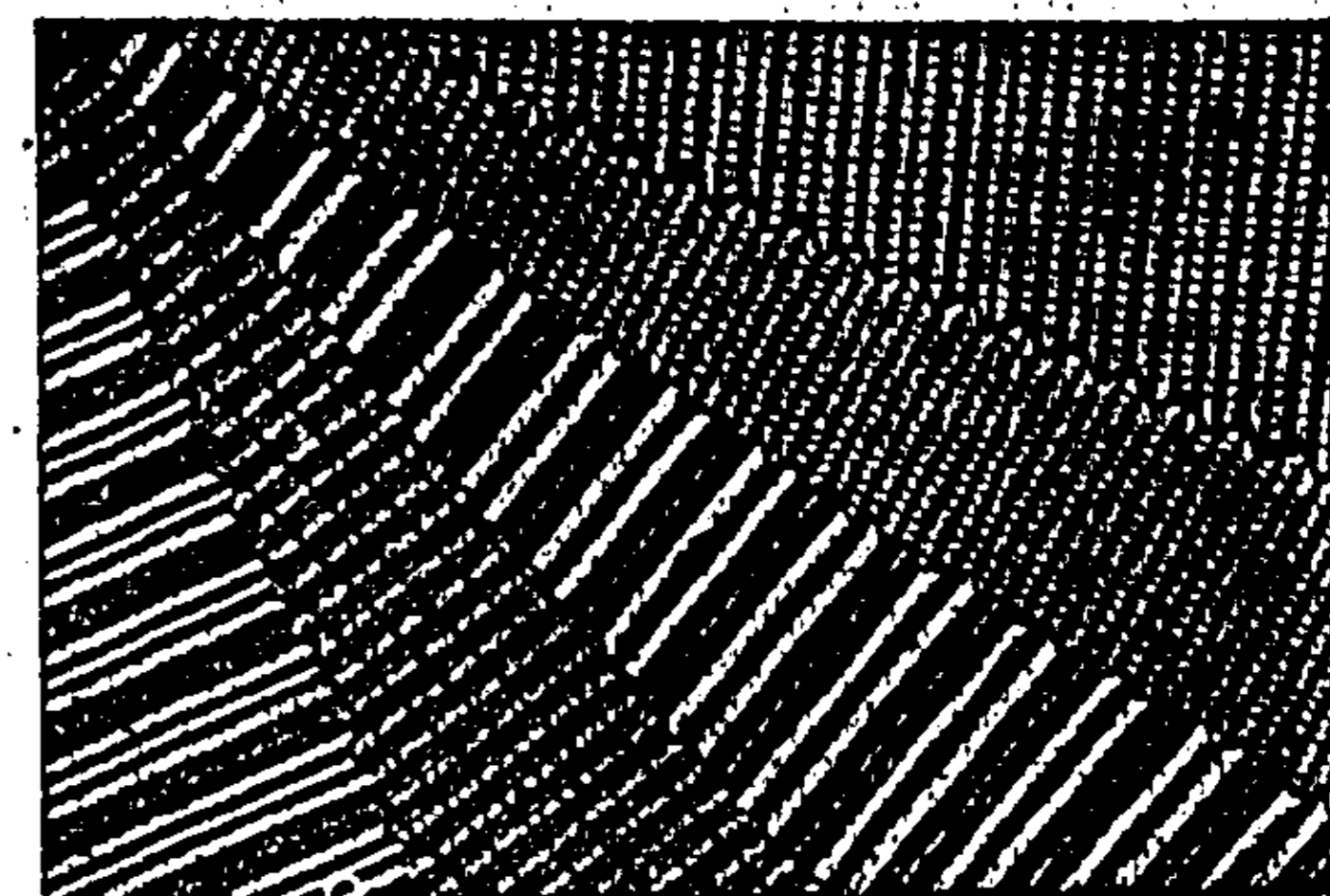
Coincident with the large amount of construction now in progress on the isthmus, the amount of local incoming cargo reached a record level at both Cristobal and Balboa during December 1940.

The combined total of 121,548 tons represented the largest amount of local incoming cargo to have crossed the docks of these ports since the Canal was opened to commerce.

WAR PAINTINGS

As already announced, there will be an exhibition of war paintings and sketches by Mr. Liang Yu-ming in St. John's Cathedral Hall on April 15 and 16, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in aid of war charities—the British War Organisation Fund, British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, and Chinese Artists' Aeroplane Fund. The exhibition will be under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, and will be opened by Bishop Hall.

The "Hongkong Scouting Gazette" for March contains "Points on Pioneering" and other interesting articles, and two illustrations, one of them being a snapshot of the former Acting Governor, General Norton.



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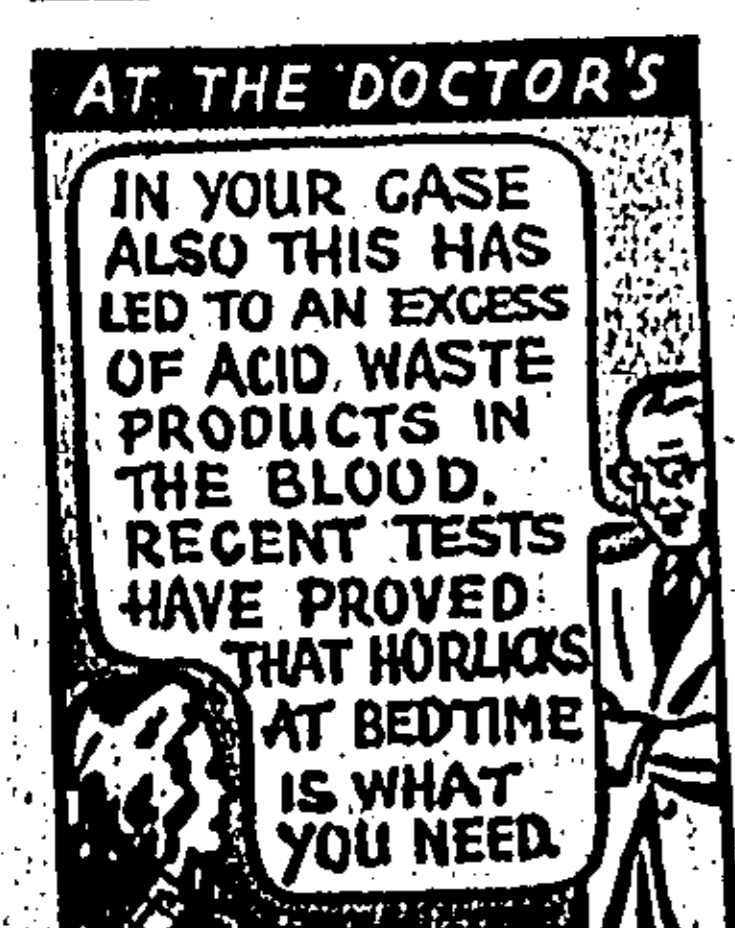
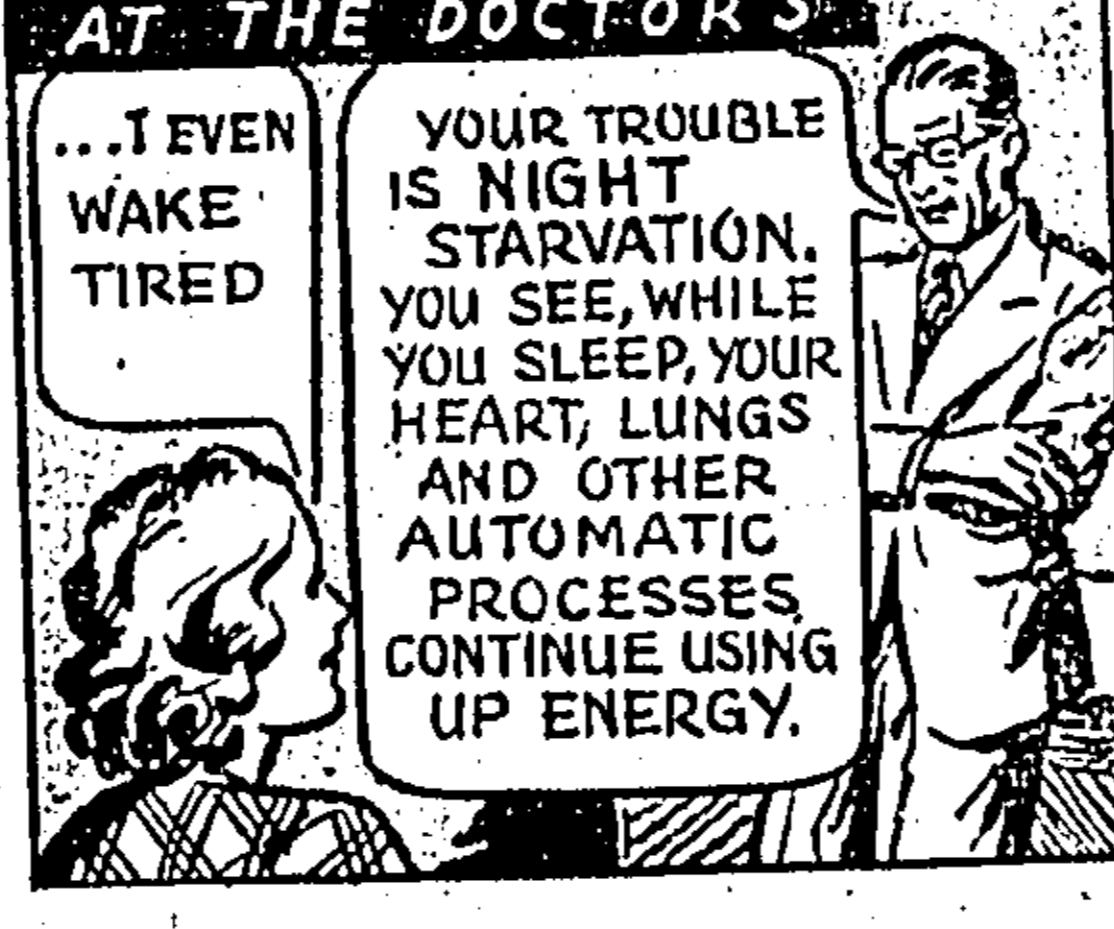
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THE KOWLOON-HAPPY VALLEY GOLF MATCH



A happy group of the Kowloon Golf Club and Happy Valley golfers in the match at Kowloon City last Friday in which the Mainland side easily beat the Valley team.—Ming Yuen.

Easter Softball Thrills Fans At Kowloon Football Club

Saints Prolong Winning Streak: First Games Of International Series

(By "Ball Fan")

DRIVING PAST the first round bend with tremendous run-scoring momentum, Harry Noronha's all powerful starlight representing Portugal came through with a devastating 10-3 victory over the loose playing Great Britain nine. China cruised into the second round stretch with a narrow 4-3 win over a spirited Philippine threat, while the defending champions from India just made the "in" mark in taking Canada for a close 7-5 triumph.

Easter Monday's brilliant charity doubleheader, featuring the glittering heights of local softball talent, before a fashion-minded holiday crowd of ball fans, saw the burly ballhawking Saints in spirited championship mood as they continued their winning streak with a "swing music" triumph over the raiding Mohawks. The star-studded Wildcats took the Rest into camp, coming through with a 9-5 win.

HONUS Waggoner's battling Mohawk Braves, in a desperate bid to terminate the present season with a win over Dave Leonard's Saints before the arrival of the warm "trade winds", took a disastrous 7-1 defeat as the champions rolled across with a powerful panzer-clouting attack to annihilate the serious Iroquois threat.

For five ferocious innings the two teams dished up a dazzling brand of airtight ball with the Five Nation possemen taking a slim lone tally lead in the 5th frame on Frankie Crew's slashing single to right.

The pulverizing Saints sending out baseballs, to crash home four winning runs as Stan Leonard, Judo Hussain, Frankie Gonzales and Hal Winglee came tearing across in gleeful fashion.

For the last three frames the star-showered Mohawks played "rapid-error" ball to chalk up a grand total of thirteen miscues, a season's single game record for the galloping Tribe. The champions added three more runs in the final inning on three driving blows by Stan Leonard, Frankie Gonzales and George Sousa.

Speckled by Jones, brave moundman was nipped for ten solid hits, but was given poor support by his faltering teammates in their off-game of the year.

SCORING in every stanza, the star-studded Wildcats de-

feated the Rest 9-5, in the holiday opener. For three innings the two teams battled even ball, but the untamed felines forged ahead in the 4th with two tallies by Cynthia Motta and Thelma Collico; adding four more runs in the next two innings.

The Rest staged a fighting finish in the last canto, pushing across two markers in a last minute bid, featuring Betty Fitzgerald's double, the only extra base clout by the losers.

PLAYING real consistent ball and driving through with a fighting attack, Portugal's slugging ball tossers hammered the offerings of British hurler Jock Brown for fourteen solid safeties to breeze in with an easy 10-3 win.

Led by the dynamite clouting of George Sousa, and Arturo Ozerio, the winners were never seriously threatened as they started off with a five run barrage in the 1st stanza on five solid smacks.

Hurler Gerry Gosano limited the dangerous Empire willow-wielders to three soft singles and was never seriously threatened by the clouting duo of Stan and Dave Leonard.

CHINA entered the International series second round with a hard-earned victory over a stubborn-playing team from the Philippines.

Flinger Herbie Quon held the soft hitting Islanders to two measly bingles, but his team mates were only able to garner four hits off the slab totalling of Dave Amper.

The Chinese pulled a screwball honor in the last stanza allowing the Filipinos to clear the base with one out; but a rapid fire double play, Bill Chang to Wally Ching, ended to loser's last ditch threat.

Wally Ching's triple and double were the longest hits of the fray while Filipino third sacker, Enoc Loyola's two singles were the only hits chalked up for Idefonso's Islanders.

Holiday Stars

George Sousa and Charlie Quinn, Portugal—Former led the winners' slashing hit attack, connecting for a double and three singles, and coming across with one run; latter tripled for the longest hit in the fray to drive in two runs.

Wally Ching and Herbie Quon, China—Former came through with a terrific triple and double, making two of the four Chinese base-hits; Herbie held the Philippine Islanders to two measly hits and whiffing eight, to climax a brilliant hurling game.

Baby Abbas and Junior Marker, India—The Baby came through with a perfect day at the platter, polling out three sizzling singles and coming in with two tallies; latter also starred with three hits in three times up to play an important part in the Indian win.

Cynthia Motta and Thelma Collico, Wildcats—Cynthia's two runs and two hits were a big factor in the champions' holiday win over the Rest; latter hurled steady ball, holding the losers' to six bingles and whiffing six in a stellar display.

Frankie Gonzales and Stan Leonard, St. Joseph's—Frankie limited the dangerous Mohawks to five hits besides clouting out three singles in a standout win; latter played an all-round bang-up game at the initial sack and his tally in the 6th frame started the champion Saints on a scoring merry-go-round.

Cottage Club Hunt For "Kiki Cup"

The Cottage Club will hold its next hunt at the Hills Corner country on Saturday, April 19, the winner of the hunt to receive the "Kiki Cup", a trophy which has been donated by Madame Louis de San, formerly Miss Kiki de Chaffoy de Courcelles.

Ponies will be drawn for at the Club at 3 p.m. and the hunt will start from Dill's Corner at 4 p.m.

In the evening, supper will be held at the Club house, prior to which Madame de San will present the Cup to the winner.

Leaves bogged down in the 5th to watch Sherry Bux and Baby Abbas tear home with two more Indian tallies.

The defending champions added another run in the 6th canto on a sizzling double by Cyclone Baker and clinched the game in the last inning as singles by A. R. Kitchell, Baby Abbas and Cyclone Baker sped across three final runs.

The Maple Leafs surprised the gashouse fans with a fighting game as chunky Johnny Fisher led the loser's batting attack.

The Indians—bunched—eleven bingles off stabster Den Cray whose speed balls were not tearing over with the old time zip.

Important Rules To Remember

Poor Outlook For Tennis League

If present entries (it should be entry) are any criterion of what to expect from the tennis players for the League this year, the outlook is very poor. Though entries close to-day, only one has been received for the four Divisions—this from the Civil Service C.C. Clubs are reminded that to-day is the closing date. These should be sent as soon as possible to Mr. C. J. Tachichi, Hon. Secretary the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association, c/o the Kowloon C.C.

Badminton

First Round Matches In Women's Doubles

RESULTS of matches in the first round of the women's Doubles Badminton Championship last night were according to book, though in one—Mrs O. Ribeiro and Miss M. Silva v. Miss U. Khoo and Mrs Wilson—the result could not have been forecast.

The games were played at the Jewish Recreation Club, and a fair crowd of spectators were present.

The results in brief were: Miss M. M. Silva and Miss A. Xavier beat Miss J. Choa and Miss M. Churn 15-4, 15-11.

Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs O. Silva beat Miss U. Khoo and Mrs Wilson 15-13, 15-6.

Mrs Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez beat Miss G. White and Miss F. Wong 15-3, 15-8.

Mrs Torrible and Mrs Zimmern beat Miss M. Noronha and Miss I. Pereira 15-2, 15-2.

MISS CHOA and Miss Churn lost their first game to Miss Silva and Mrs O. Silva in an easy manner, and in comparison their showing in the second game was surprising. They had, by then, acquired something approaching combination, but had settled down too late.

Surprising Collapse

MISS U. KHOO and Mrs Wilson featured in a surprising collapse when they met Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs O. Silva. The winners deserved their success for the spirited and slightly superior play of the opening game. It was their superior combination that carried the day.

On the other side of the next, faulty tactics were their cause of the downfall. Miss Khoo and Mrs Wilson chose the wrong method of play. Mrs Wilson took the net and Miss Khoo covered the baseline, and as a consequence the former had comparatively little to do while the latter bore the brunt of the work.

Had Mrs Wilson been allowed to take her stand side-by-side with Miss Khoo and share the work more evenly there might easily have been a different result to the match. Miss Khoo was played out in the second game.

Other Games

IN the other matches, opposition was too weak to provide any great interest. Mrs Torrible and Mrs Zimmern, whom many anticipate will win the title, easily accounted for Miss M. Noronha and Miss I. Pereira.



Putting, Approaching And Playing From Hazards

Match Penalties For Ignorance

(By "Birdie")

THE RULES of most games are of such a rigidity that their relaxation is attended by deterioration of play, but with golf there are several points that can be stretched without impairment of interest. But it must be remembered that points are being stretched.

Setting the ball on nice bits of "pretty", for instance, make for better shots and a keener enjoyment of the game. The other day one of a fourball grounded his club preparatory to making a shot, and then coolly excavated a small submerged stone discovered behind the ball before smacking a superb wood that almost carried the green. He had left a hole behind the ball as big as an apple!

He was, of course, avoiding damage to his club, but the stone was not by any means a loose impediment, and the ball ought to have been played from where it lay.

The extreme was a player who landed on the concrete side of a well, and played four shots from the concrete before reaching the fairway again. Here, under Rule 11, he was entitled to a free pick up.

This Rule is worth quoting. It reads:

Removal of Obstructions

Any flag-stick, guide-post, implement, vehicle, bridge, bridge-planking, seat, hut, shelter or similar obstruction may be removed. A ball moved in removing such an obstruction shall be lifted and dealt with as provided for in Rule 8 without penalty (dropping not nearer the hole).

A ball lying on or touching such an obstruction, or lying on or touching clothes, or ground under repair, or a drain cover, hydrant, hydrant cover, or exposed water-pipe, or lying in a hole made by a green-keeper, may be lifted and dealt with as provided for in Rule 8 without penalty.

If a player's stroke be interfered with by any such obstruction which is immovable and which is within two club lengths of his ball, the ball may be lifted and dropped or on the putting green placed not more than two club lengths from the obstacle but not nearer the hole, without penalty.

At reading the first paragraph, it raises a little smile to think that one would consider removing a bridge in order to make a shot! But those obstacles are dealt with in the last paragraph.

However, returning to the player who discovered the stone—he, I should imagine, had broken another Rule in that the club must be grounded lightly and not pressed to the ground. Loose impediments on the fairway and green may be removed, but not when in a hazard (i.e. bunker). A buried stone is not a loose impediment.

Before striking at a ball in play, a player shall not improve the position of his ball by moving, bending or breaking anything fixed or growing, except (1) so far as is necessary to enable him fairly to take his stance in addressing the ball, or (2) in making his backward or forward swing. The club may be grounded lightly and not pressed to the ground.

THERE was a hot, but friendly argument a little while ago concerning the moving of a ball on the green while addressing it. One of the players moved his ball in addressing it, but though nudging it slightly forward, when he removed the

putter it sank back into its original position. It had oscillated. Was it a stroke?

On this, incidentally, depended the result of the match. Had it moved the match would have been halved, but if there were no stroke penalty the match would have been won and lost.

Under Rule 9 one may touch the ball in addressing it. Under Definition 19 "a ball is deemed to have moved if it leaves its position and comes to rest in another place."

I hold no brief for either side in view of Definition 19, though I would otherwise hold that a stroke was the penalty.

IT seems that quite a bit of confusion arises out of the penalties attached to striking the flag from within twenty yards of the green. Under match and medal play there are extreme differences.

In Stroke-play—Medal—the penalty is two strokes (Stroke Rule 13), but in match play (under Rule 32, "if the ball rests against the flag which is in the hole, the player shall be entitled to remove the flag-stick, and, if the ball fall into the hole, the player shall be deemed to have holed out at his last stroke."

There are penalties (loss of the hole) for striking the flag which is held by your partner or caddy. It would then be up to "Y" or "X" to caddy to remove the flag in match play when "X" is playing from within twenty yards, but if "Y" caddy holding the flag were struck then "Y" loses the hole.

In medal play it would be up to "X" to have his own caddy remove the flag-stick otherwise there would be the penalty of two strokes for hitting it.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra-Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 26th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shau Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 17th April, 1941. By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Poor Tennis In Yesterday's Doubles Match

E. C. FINCHER and W. C. Hung entered the quarter-finals of the Colony Open Doubles tennis Championships yesterday when they beat Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui in two straight sets 6-1, 6-4 on the Stand Court.

Tennis, however, was far below standard, and only at very infrequent intervals was there anything to command the interest of spectators.

Fincher and Hung had comparatively little difficulty in taking the first set for neither Kong nor Fung were anything like settled. Fung was lamentably weak, and though Kong strove to take on more of the burden his efforts were out-manoeuvred by his opponents. Fincher was serving very well.

Kong and Fung took a 4-1 lead in the second set, and it seemed that the match was going to three sets, but Fincher and Hung revived something of their earlier combination and fought their way to take five games in a row for the set!

To-day's Match

The Stand Court match in the Open Tennis Championships to-day will be:

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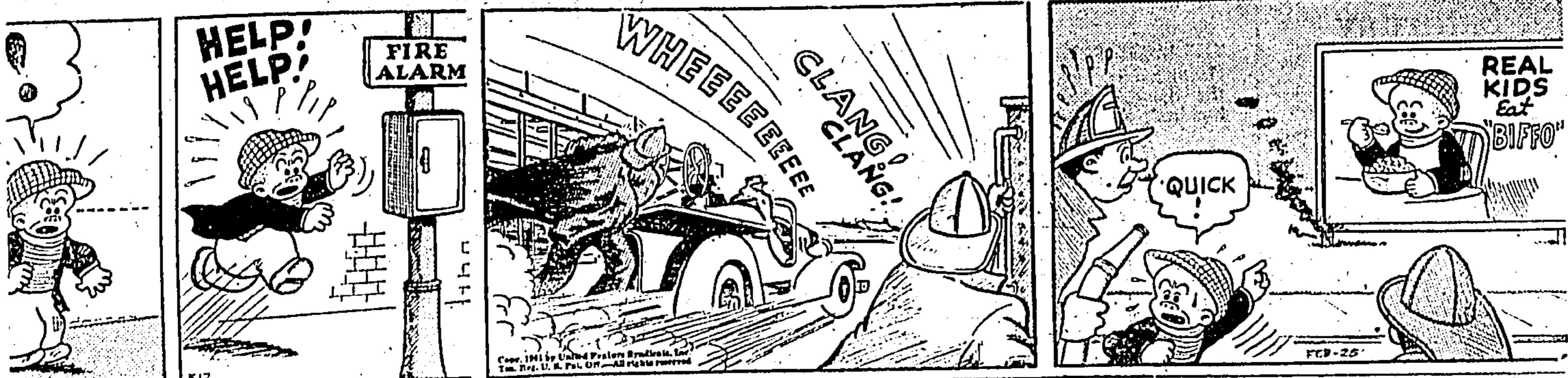
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SOUTH CHINA CELEBRATE SOCCER VICTORIES



Celebrating their fourth consecutive annexation of the Senior Football League honours, and their winning of the Senior Challenge Shield and the Kowloon Charity Cup, South China Athletic Association held a dinner at the 'Ying King Restaurant' on Monday night. The function was a signal success, and among those present were (as in picture above, from left to right) Mr Mok Hing, Mr Wong Ka-tsun, the Hon. Mr Li Tse-fong, the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith (President of the Hongkong Football Association), Mr Luke Oi-wan (President of S.C.A.A.), the Hon. Mr W. N. Thomas and Mr Ngan Shing-kwan (Chairman) who welcomed the guests. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).

Dutch in East Indies Watch Japanese Moves

By John M. Raleigh

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

BATAVIA, Apr. 15 (UP).—Recent events in the Far East have produced repercussions in the NEI unrivalled since the German invasion of Holland.

Previously the Dutch press and general opinion could have been labelled "mild" towards Japan, but since the Japanese Foreign Minister's startling statement questioning whether the Dutch Government in London held full power of administration over the Netherlands East Indies, a new attitude of determination has become evident.

The average Dutchman here realises that danger to the north has not become a thing of the past, though at present matters appear fairly calm on the surface.

"We believe that the day is coming—and soon—when we will have to defend our birthright here in the Indies," say many prominent Dutchmen all over the archipelago.

Frank Objections

The Dutch and native press, taking their cue from public feeling everywhere, have adopted a rigorous platform of frank expression concerning Japanese policies in China and the mediation conferences held in Tokyo between French Indo-China and Thailand.

The Netherlands Indian paper "Loomotief" recently commented: "The Netherlands Indies holds the same objections to a Japanese drive southwards as England and the United States. If Japan became Singapore's neighbour through the mediation in Tokyo, we should consider this highly dangerous in every sense of the word."

Businessmen from Batavia, who have been ordered home by their concerns, have remarked upon how flagrantly the Japanese press derides the NEI. Another matter arousing considerable attention are reports that Tokyo's German Embassy now has a staff of more than three hundred.

Japan Closely Watched

Japan's movements are being closely watched by the Dutch Government here, and though most authoritative sources believe that trouble is not as imminent as it was a few weeks ago, few think that the Indies have been left out of Japanese plans for the future.

"We were caught unprepared once!" said a high official, "but that will not happen again!"

This attitude is reflected in the press here. Where hitherto the Indies have remained quiet, now they have advanced far enough in their preparations for all eventualities to speak up and let covetous neighbours understand that they will tolerate no overt moves to the south.

Mr Watson's Secret Was "About 65"

Mr Basil Watson, K.C., North London's quick-fused, quick-decision magistrate, died in London recently after collapsing in his room at the court the previous night.

He had one secret he would never reveal—his age. But he was about sixty-five. He was over age when he joined the Irish Guards at the outbreak of the last war. That would mean he was in the neighbourhood of forty.

When it was found he was over age, he persuaded the authorities to allow him to go to France and fought in the trenches.

Decided Views

Mr Watson was boxer, cricketer, soldier, author, animal lover and a man of very decided views which sometimes caused hostile criticism—particularly his "war" on speeding which he declared in 1936. He was also severe on black-out offences.

Here are some of his views:—On black-out offences: "I saw in the last war, more often than I wish to remember, the effect of high explosives. I am determined that no child in this district shall be killed in an air raid owing to the carelessness of grown-up people.

On "brainstorm" pleas: I am sick of these brainstorms. They never help the other side. They only help the fellow in the dock.

On cycle thefts: This is a particularly cruel form of theft because the bicycle is the poor man's motor-car.

Negro Who Challenged Goering

"COLONEL" HUBERT FAUTLEROY JULIAN, the Negro aviator who played a saxophone while making a parachute descent, is reported to have signed on for the Royal Canadian Air Force as an instructor for ferry-pilots.

In 1930, Julian was appointed chief of the Abyssinian Air Force, though that Force consisted of only three out-of-date machines. He left the service of Little Selesie after he had crashed the Emperor's personal aeroplane.

"Colonel" Julian challenged Goering last September to meet him in air combat over the English Channel. The challenge was not accepted.

Major-Gen. Percival Is New G.O.C., Malaya

A CHANGE in the Malaya Command has been announced by General Headquarters (Far East). Lieut-Gen. L. V. Bond, C.B., will shortly leave Malaya to take up an appointment in the United Kingdom. The post of General Officer Commanding, Malaya, will be taken over by Major-Gen. A. E. Percival, D.S.O.

O.B.E., M.C.

Major-Gen. Percival served as General Staff Officer, First Grade, at Malaya Command headquarters from 1936 to 1938.

In 1938, he went to Britain to become G.S.O. 1 to Gen. Sir John Dill, who was then commanding the First Division at Aldershot.

On the outbreak of war, Major-Gen. Percival went to France with the B.E.F. Since Dunkirk he has commanded the 44th Division in Britain.

Joining the Army as a temporary lieutenant at the beginning of the Great War, Major-Gen. Percival was gazetted a captain in the Essex Regiment in October 1916.

He commanded the 7th Battalion, the Bedfordshire Regiment, throughout the last year of that war. In September 1924, he was transferred to the Cheshire Regiment as a major.

Wounded and three times mentioned in dispatches, he has a clasp to his D.S.O., the O.B.E., M.C., and the French Croix de Guerre.

HEARST TO SELL ART TREASURES

THE major portion of Mr William Randolph Hearst's extraordinarily miscellaneous art collection, which experts say may be worth anything from £4,000,000 to £12,000,000, will be placed on sale in two of New York's leading department stores.

It is realised that it would be hopeless to try to auction them in the ordinary way. Price tags will therefore be attached to them, and they will be offered directly to the public.

Gimbel Brothers will set aside an entire floor of their shop, and Saks, the fashionable shop in Fifth Avenue, will also display as many paintings and other items as possible.

Monastery For £10,000

But even these huge stores will not be able to show their customers Mr Hearst's 12th century Spanish monastery, which he had shipped to the United States in 14,000 crates, and which cost him at least £100,000. This can be had for about £10,000. At the other end of the price scale is an 18th century English pewter plate which will be sold for 12 shillings.

Some idea of the fabulous nature of this collection may be obtained from the fact that staff experts have been compiling a catalogue for the past two years. They have completed 110 volumes, but they believe they will have to fill another 40 volumes before everything is listed.

Paintings, Gems, Arms

Approximately 15,000 objects will be put on sale. Their variety is staggering. They represent every phase of art from the earliest antiquity to the 19th century, and almost every race and nation that has contributed anything to art.

In addition to paintings they include jewellery, pottery, manuscripts,

wearing apparel, and the famous Hearst collection of arms and armour. Mr Hearst has been disposing of his possessions since 1937, when he sent anonymously some of his old silver to Sotheby's. It brought more than £21,000. In the following year at Christie's more than £41,000 was paid for Hearst silver.

He Led First Raid On Kiel

"Scottie" is dead. "Scottie," who led the first flight of bombers in the first R.A.F. raid on Germany in this war. This was the raid on warships in the Kiel Canal on September 4, 1939, the day after war was declared.

The Air Ministry has announced that Acting Squadron Leader William Scott, reported missing earlier, is now presumed killed.

Scott was an old boy and athlete of King's Norton Grammar School, near Birmingham; his home was at Kingsley Green, King's Norton.

The week-end after the raid, Scott, then a twenty-seven-year-old flight-lieutenant, said: "We took the Germans completely by surprise."

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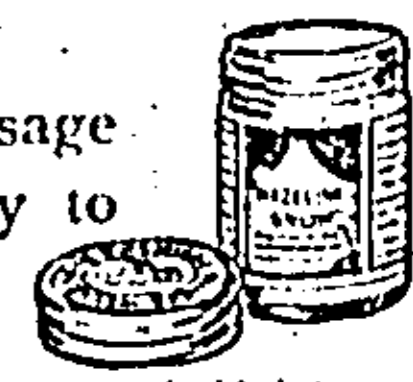


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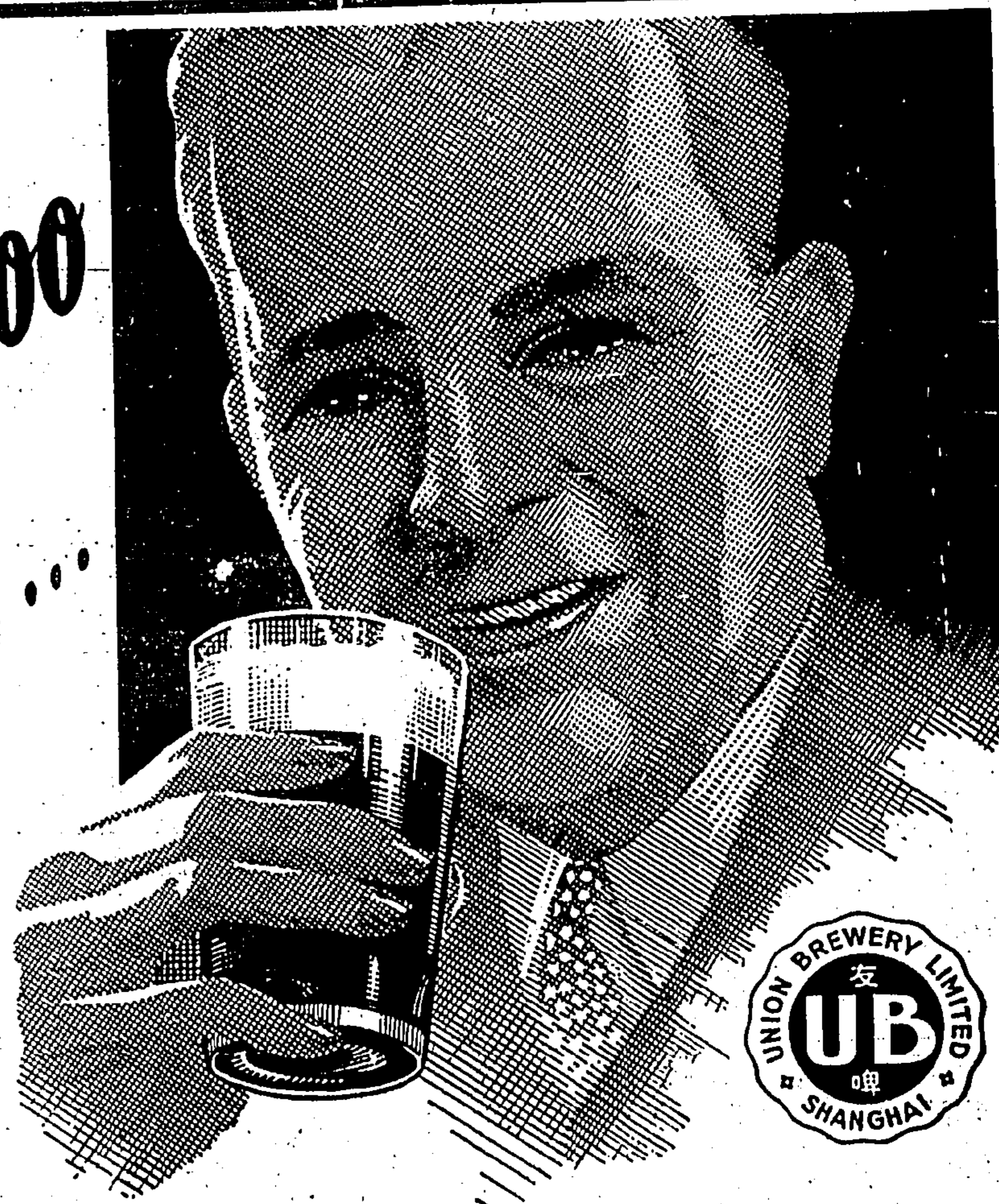
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Queen's Park Rangers v. Crystal
Palace; Clapton Orient v. West Ham;
Reading v. Tottenham Hotspur.
Football League (South)—Brighton
v. Southampton; Norwich City v. Wat-
ford; Portsmouth v. Bournemouth;
Southend v. Luton.
South Regional League—Brentford v.
Millwall; Walsall v. Mansfield Town;
West Bromwich Albion v. Northamp-
ton.
North Regional League—Barnsley v.
Middlesbrough; Blackpool v. Oldham;
Burnley v. Halifax; Bury v. Hudders-
field; Chesterfield v. Everton; Crewe v.
New Brighton; Grimsby v. Gillingham;
Lincoln City v. Bradford; Man-
chester City v. Wrexham; Rochdale v.
Bolton; Sheffield Wednesday v. Not-
tingham Forest; Southport v. Tranmere
Rovers.
Regional Match—North County v.
Doncaster Rovers.
Lancashire Cup (Semi-final)—Che-
ster v. Manchester United.
Scottish Cup (Semi-finals)—Celtic v.
Hearts; Rangers v. St. Mirren.
Scottish League—Airdrieonians v.
Third Lanark; Albion Rovers v. Green-
ock Morton.
Other Matches—Football League v.
All British—Reuter.

Macao Visitors Beat University At Hockey

An evenly contested hockey
match was witnessed on the
University ground yesterday after-
noon when the Macao Lyceum de-
fected the Varsity eleven by a score
of one goal to nil.
Clever passing on the part of the
visitors was a feature during the first
half. Armando Basto was splendid in
defence, while Gustavo Silva's stick-
work was admirable. Hans Raj, Uni-
versity's centre-forward, was active
and kept rallying his men to the attack.
N. H. Low was cool and dependable
and robbed the opposition of many
opportunities.

Only Goal

Macao was rewarded with the only
goal to be scored when Trigo Silva
regaled off a short corner.
During the second half, the Uni-
versity did practically all the attacking
and were very unlucky not to score
on several occasions when they were
well into Macao's goal zone. Leo
was superb in his custodianship for
Macao and his clearing of almost cer-
tain goals was loudly applauded by
the spectators.
Gustavo Silva in a fast run with the
ball downfield missed a fine shot just
before the final whistle.
Macao Lyceum: Noronha, Ar-
mando Basto; Almeida, Trigo Silva,
Leitao; Rocha, Abilio Basto, Gustavo
Silva, Arnaldo Silva, Jeronimo Silva.
Hongkong University—H. F. Lee; N.
H. Low, K. Y. Tan; A. Ahmed, G. K.
Lee, T. Ching, N. Singh, Chelliah,
Hans Raj, Amplanavan, H. F. Ho.
A match has been arranged for a
"scratch side" consisting of mixed
players in Hongkong and the Macao
Lyceum team on the C. B. A.
ground, King's Park, at 5.15 p.m.
to-day.

Polo Club Gymkhana

In aid of the B.W.O.F., the Hong-
kong Polo Club will hold a Gym-
khana at the Polo Ground,
Boundary Street, Kowloon, shortly.
The first event will be a Show
Jumping competition for two classes
—Australian and China Ponies. There
will be six different jumps of the us-
ual Show Jumping type, varying in
height from three to four feet.
The entrance fee will be \$5 each
pony, and entries should be sent to the
Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Polo Club,
Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon. Entries
will close on May 10.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

CANBERRA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—
Australia is to raise £35,000,000
(Australian) loan of which £27,000,-
000 will be for war purposes, and the
remainder for public works including
strategic railroads.
The loan will be issued in two
sections, one short term bearing
interest at 2½ per cent, the other
long term at 3½ per cent.

Royal Air Force Smash Sofia

machine-gun bullet attack on a long
convoy near Pella, when one lorry
burst into flames, another suddenly
overturned and completely blocked
the road, while a third crashed into a
ditch.
Two sergeant pilots took two bom-
bers over Sofia on Sunday night and
reported large fires and explosions in
the marshalling yards. A direct hit
on a munitions train tossed one plane
about like a leaf and almost blinded
the pilot.

LIBYA SITUATION

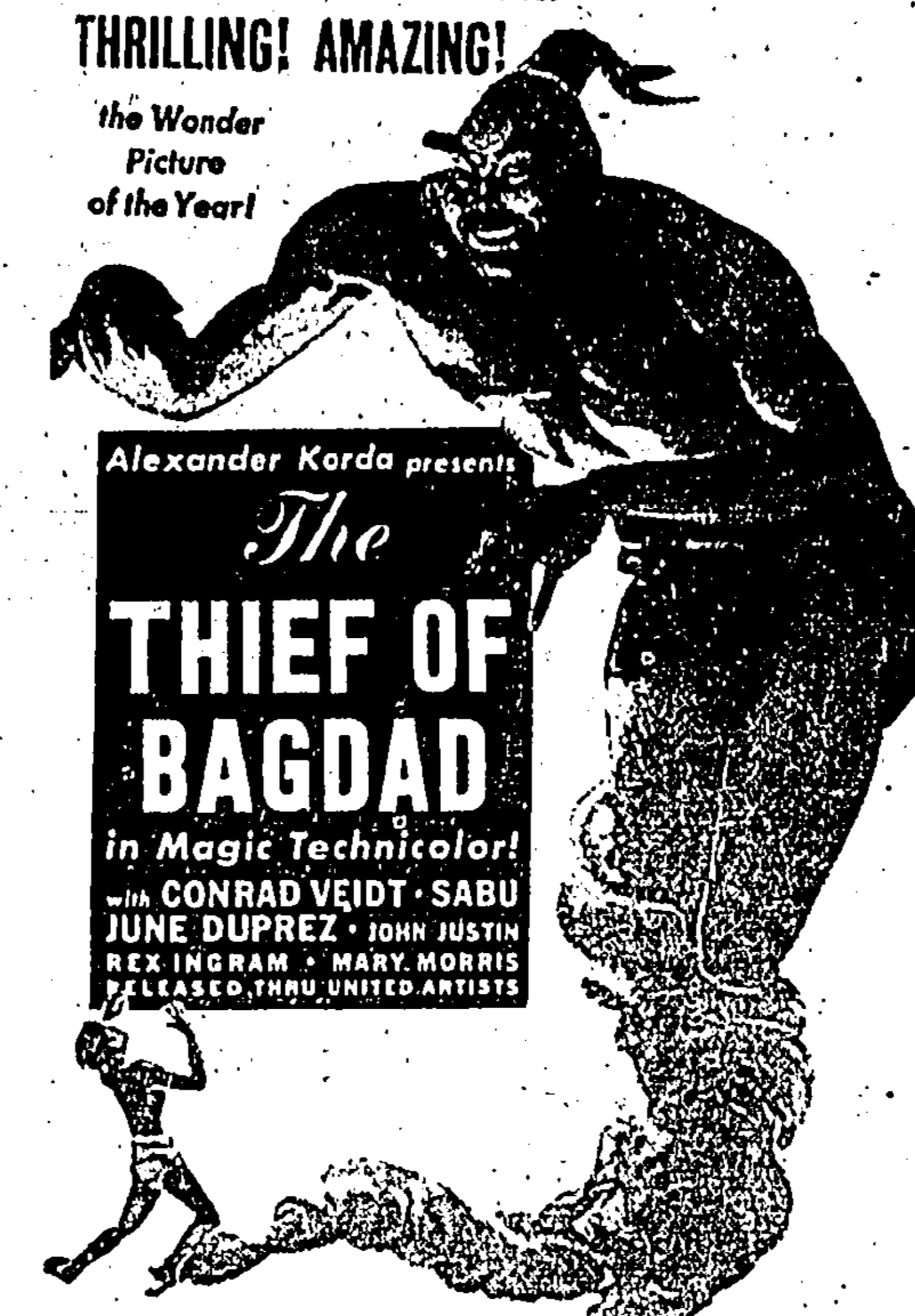
vehicles were destroyed or damaged
in this area, too.
R.A.F. losses in these operations
were three fighters and one bomber.
Tripoli, the main base of German
reinforcements in Libya, was again
heavily raided on Monday night, and
as on Sunday, bombs straddled ship-
ping in the harbour. One vessel was
seen burning fiercely while others
must have suffered damage.

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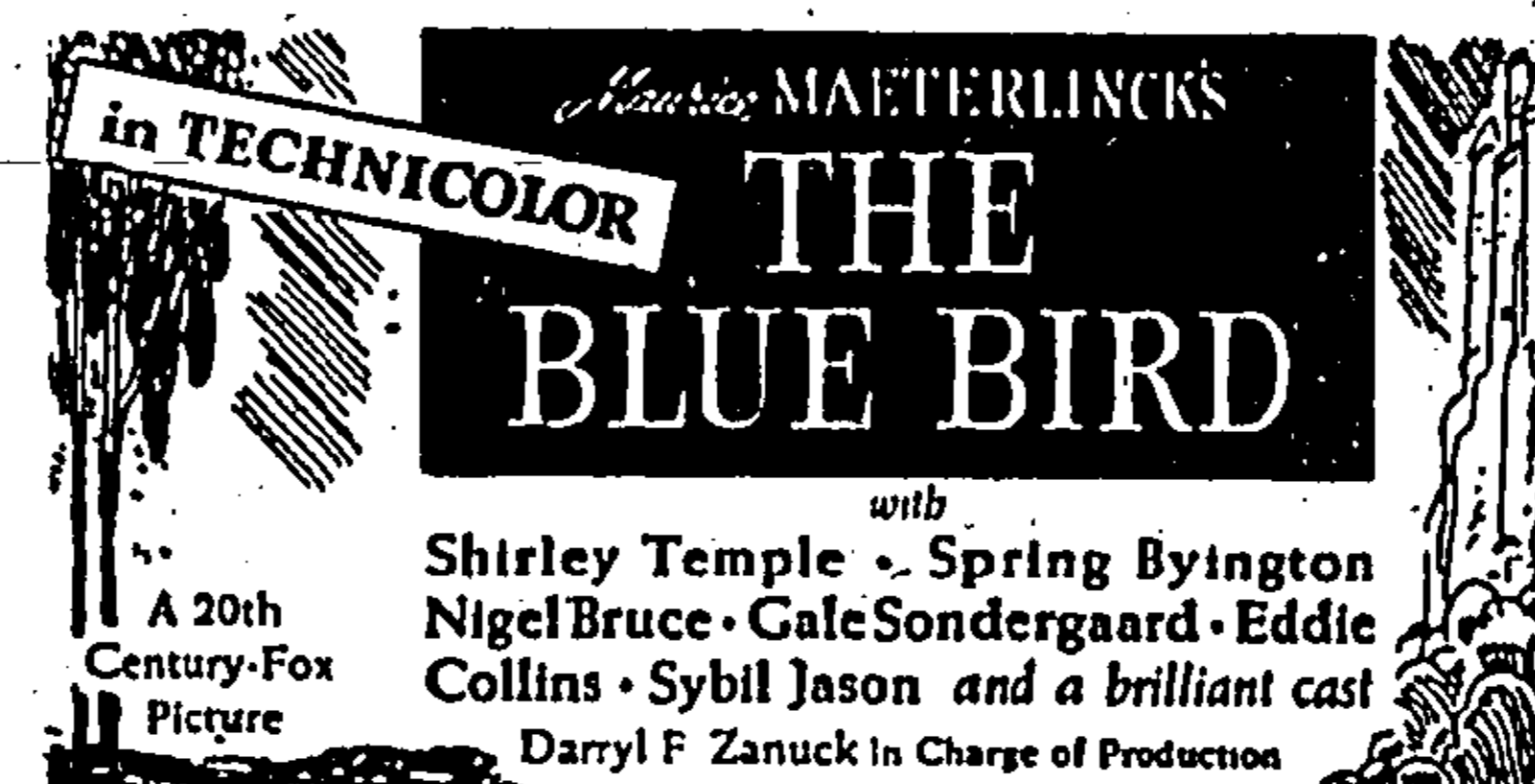
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study the treatment of wounds under
modern war conditions. They will
not be detailed for duty.
Their departure is held up for a
ruling on several questions regarding
their personal position.
They want to be sure, for instance,
that they will not forfeit their Am-
erican nationality.

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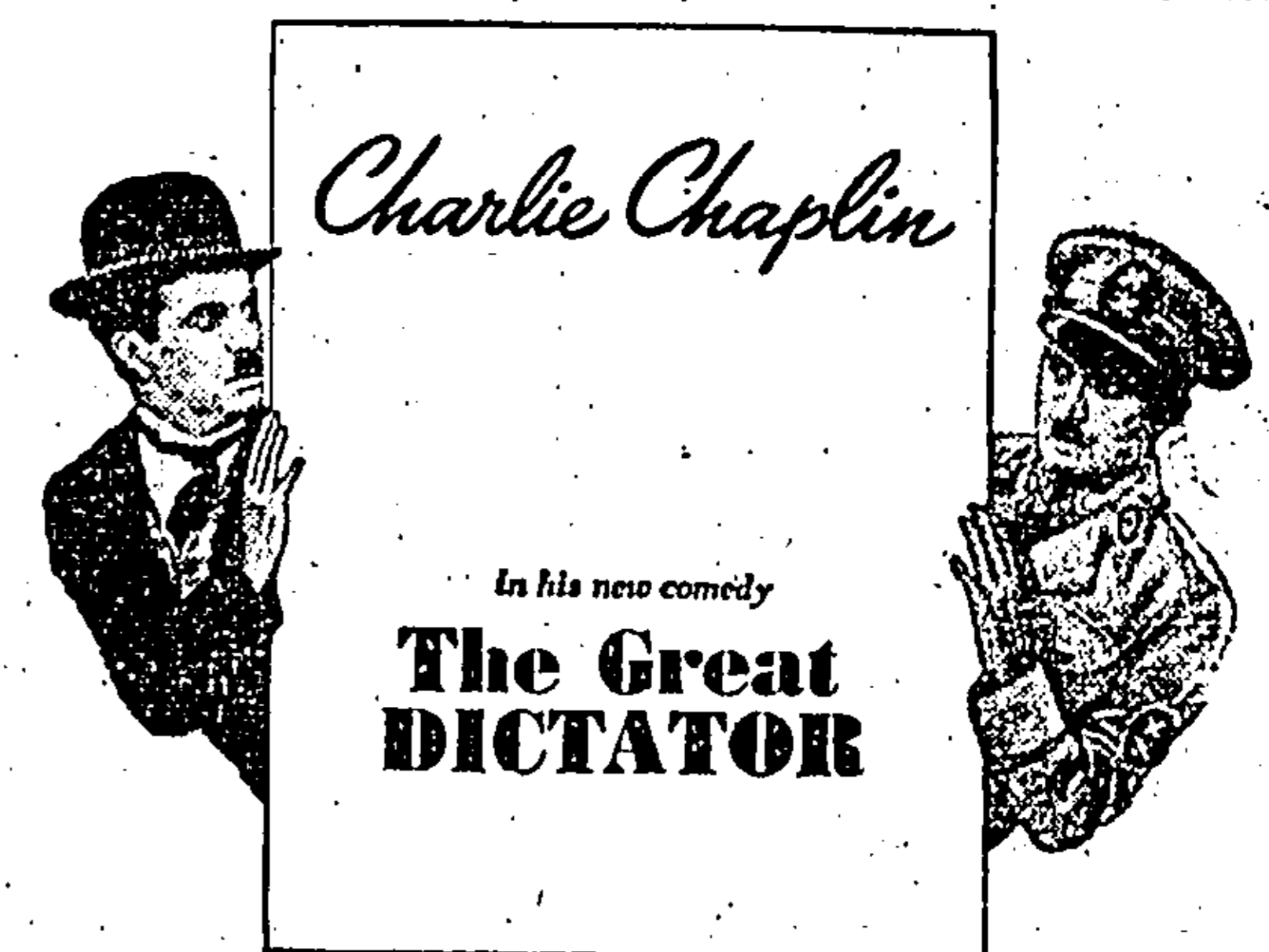
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LIBYA SITUATION STABILISED BRITISH AWAIT VITAL BATTLE German Forces Hungry And Weary

CAIRO, APR. 15 (REUTER).—THE SITUATION IN LIBYA IS NOW STABILISED ALTHOUGH FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON, SAY WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES HERE.

STRONG BRITISH FORCES HAVE TAKEN UP POSITIONS TO GIVE BATTLE IN THE MOST FAVOURABLE STRATEGIC AREA AND EVEN SHOULD THE GERMAN COMMAND CONTINUE TO FLOG ITS TROOPS AND VEHICLES TO THE LIMIT IN THE WESTERN DESERT THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY.

U.S. BOMBERS FOR SINGAPORE

Another Reaches Manila
Special to the "Telegraph"

MANILA, Apr. 16 (UP).—The second consolidated bomber arrived here apparently enroute to Singapore. It was disclosed that Clyde Pangborn and Bert Balchen, noted trans-Atlantic pilots, flew the camouflaged bombers to Manila, and it is expected that British crews will take them over for the remainder of the trip, while the Americans return to the States by Clipper.

Famed Flyer

Clyde Pangborn was the first pilot to make a non-stop trans-Pacific flight with Hugh Herndon in 1930 and has recently been engaged in ferrying United States built bombers to Britain across the Atlantic.

Bert Balchen was chief pilot of the Byrd expedition to the south pole in 1929.

The pilots are engaged in flying aircraft, with civil status, for the Canadian Pacific Air Service.

Cruiser Sunk

New British Loss

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—An Admiralty communique issued to-day states the British cruiser Bonaventure was torpedoed and sunk while escorting a convoy.

The vessel was of 5,450 tons and was completed in 1940. She is the fourth cruiser to be sunk, the others being the Eppingham, Southampton and Calypso.

The Bonaventure was armed with 10 5.25 inch guns, six torpedo tubes, one catapult aeroplane and had a complement of 400 officers and men. "Reuter" reports that a British submarine sank an enemy tanker bound for a port in occupied France.

AMERICAN AID TO CHINA Shih's Conference

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—An early announcement on American aid to China under the Lend Lease Bill was indicated by the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Hu Shih after attending a conference at the White House.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. T. V. Soong, China's leading financial expert.

Hopkins In Charge
WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has placed Mr. Harry Hopkins as his official envoy in charge of the purchasing and acquiring of war materials for all countries under the Lend Lease Act.

Kenya Murder Trial
NAIROBI, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Sir Delves Broughton has been committed for trial on a charge of murdering Lord Erroll.

Skilful Greek Withdrawal From Albania: No Loss Of Equipment

ATHENS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Details of the Greek evacuation of the north sector on the Albanian front announced here show that it was carried out with precision and in perfect secrecy, the Greeks taking away all material and artillery, and destroying bridges.

The process of evacuation lasted three days. Yesterday the Italians became aware of it and advanced into the Koritza region. Small Greek covering forces were able to retreat themselves without the loss of a single man to the enemy.

The withdrawal has unified the Anglo-Greek defence lines which for the most part now consist of territory regarded as very difficult for mechanised columns.

Not Evacuating
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that there is no truth in the reports that the British are contemplating an evacuation of Greece.

German Claims
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—The German claims that they have occupied Kozane indicated that the British and Greek troops may have been driven out of the area by withdrawing about 35 miles from the ad-

German prisoners state that they have been without food or water for two days and could no longer carry out instructions to push on as fast as possible.

With the British air force holding complete superiority and continually bombing the German supply positions, the German forward units are becoming ragged.

German dive-bombers are neither a match for the British Hurricane nor for British ground troops who hold their fire until the low-flying Nazi planes become targets that can hardly be missed.

German casualties in vehicles are increasing hourly with the incessant destruction caused by R.A.F. bombing.

PANZERS DRIVE A WEDGE British & Greeks Fall Back

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Apr. 15 (UP).—The Greek High Command to-day admitted that German panzer units have driven a wedge in the northern defence line and clashed with the British and Greek forces 50 miles inside Greece where there is fighting in the Ploimais area. Siatista is threatened.

It appears that the Germans are pushing towards the second defence line between Ionia and Larissa.

Lies Repudiated
Authoritative military circles in London said the Axis propaganda has already started talking about the withdrawal of Imperial troops from Greece, but "obviously there could be no truth to the fantastic reports since it is already announced from Athens that fresh troops are being sent to reinforce those already there."

They asserted: "While the general situation in the Mediterranean is regarded as being serious, it is not considered grave and there are several satisfactory aspects to it. There is no cause for gloom over the position at Tobruk where our forces could fight their way out if they wanted to, or could be evacuated by sea. Where they are, they represent a serious menace to the German lines of communication."

Pass Occupied
NEW YORK, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—German forces are reported to have broken through a section of the Anglo-Greek front in northern Greece and to have occupied a pass in the Siatista area. This pass is stated to command some easier-going and low-lying ground.

"The source of this news is not stated."

Advanced positions which, it is believed, they held previously in the Edessa-Florina region.

The Germans have repeatedly bombed Kozane from the start of the Greek campaign, indicating that it is probably an important advance base of the Anglo-Greek armies.

Kozane is situated behind the original Allied salient from Topelini through Florina to Katerini, covering the Hellenic mainland from the Adriatic to the Aegean Sea.

Losses In Air
CAIRO, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Twenty German and two Italian aircraft were shot down in the Tobruk area on Monday. Two British fighter squadrons were mainly responsible for this success, announces an R.A.F. communique.

When several formations of enemy planes attempted to raid a British Libyan outpost, eight Junker dive bombers were shot down by one squadron and four by A.A. fire. In the same area, another squadron shot down one German Heinkel aircraft, two Italian monoplane fighters and seven twin-engined Junker bombers. The bombing and machine-gunning offensive against enemy aerodromes, troop concentrations and motor transport in Cirenaica continued throughout Monday and the previous night. Heavy damage and many casualties were inflicted as a result of these raids, particularly in the Tobruk area.

Buildings Destroyed
Military buildings were destroyed at el Adem, Derna and Gambut, while heavy explosions occurred, and direct hits were registered on dispersed aircraft.

The full results are difficult to observe, but it is confirmed that much damage was done.

Three more German planes were destroyed at Menster, a landing ground near Tobruk, where the Royal Australian Air Force destroyed two Messerschmitt twin-engined fighters in combat, and one Junker transport plane on the ground.

Many enemy motor transport **TURN to Back Page, Column 3**

Earthquake In Mexico

Buildings Topple

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MEXICO CITY, Apr. 15 (UP).—A severe earthquake shook the city at 1.30 p.m. to-day toppling buildings, interrupting communications and causing at least one large fire. There was panic amongst the residents, but no immediate reports of casualties have been received.

Cornices crashed from many buildings in the centre of the city endangering the lives of hundreds who were dashing from the offices. A down-town building was set afire.

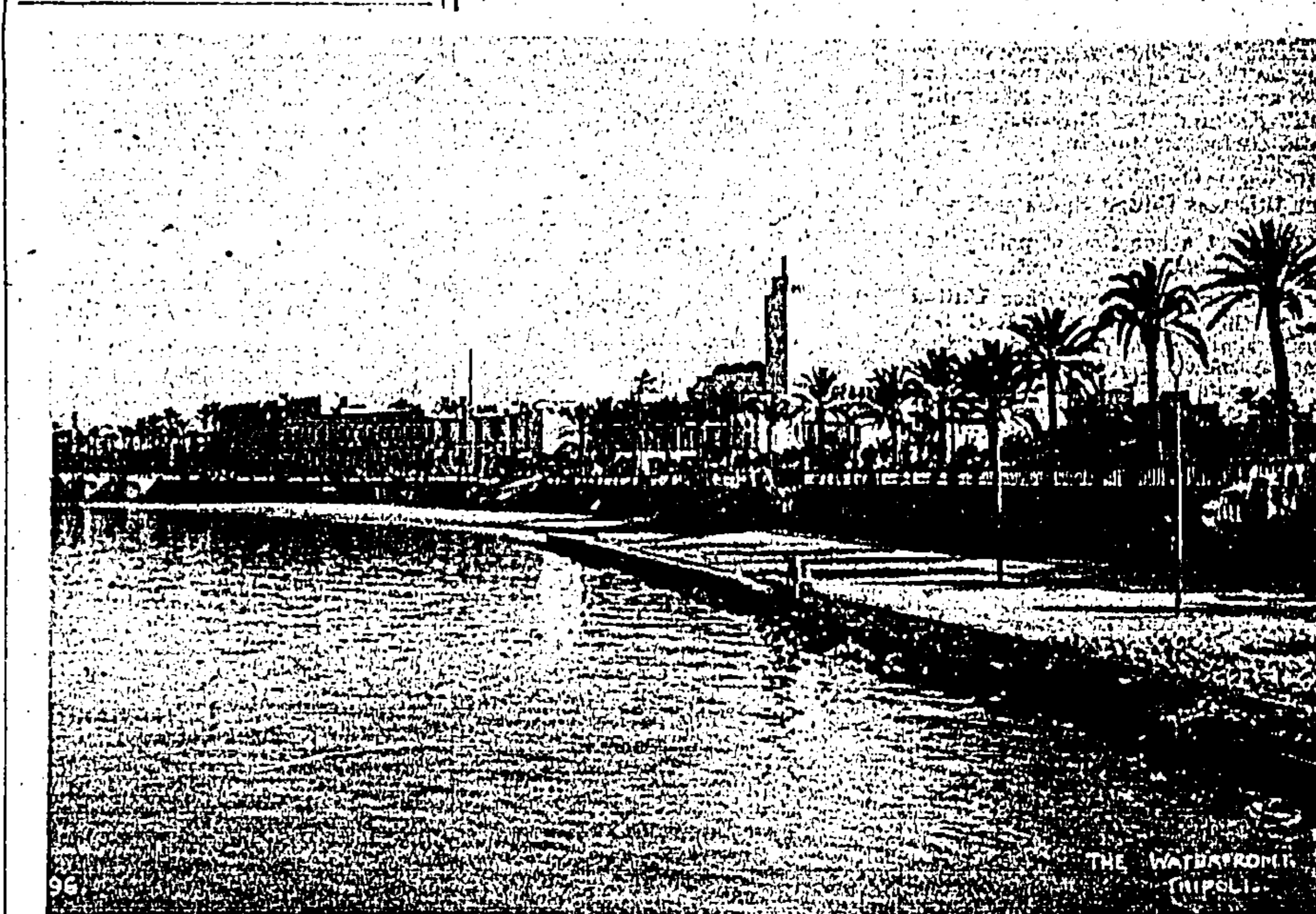
Drivers deserted their cars on the streets and ran for the open country to escape the falling debris.

Severe Shock
As the "United Press" correspondent watched from his office in the heart of the city, he saw a chimney shaken from the 17-storey skyscraper diagonally across the Plaza Pardo de la Reforma. Smoke and fires were observed in the distance. Fire engines and ambulances raced through the streets with sirens shrieking.

The shocks were the most severe in the memory of the "United Press" correspondent who has had 11 years service in Mexico City. The buildings were still shaking as this dispatch was being transmitted.

The Chief of Police reported eight fires in various parts of the city.

Important Mark For R.A.F. Bombers
Tripoli, it is revealed, has become the chief base for the Nazi and Italian supplies of men and materials in their drive against Egypt. Because of this Tripoli is being constantly attacked by the R.A.F., and considerable damage is reported to the harbour. This picture shows the water front at Tripoli.



Royal Air Force Smash Sofia And Attack German Columns

CAIRO, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Aiming at the dislocation of German communication at Sofia, the R.A.F. raided the Bulgarian capital on Sunday night. Main goods stations, marshalling yards and warehouses were the chief targets. Many fires were started in the goods yards where two trucks sustained direct hits and blew up with a detonation that suggested that they contained explosives.

The R.A.F. communique records that enemy convoys leading the German march into Greece were again successfully attacked by bombers. They were in the region of Yanitsa, Ptolemais, Kozana and Gorna Djumaya, and much damage was caused to enemy personnel and material.

Patrolling R.A.F. fighters shot down two Junker dive bombers in the Volo area, and a third near Ptolemais where a Messerschmitt fighter was also destroyed.

No R.A.F. planes are missing from these operations.

Defence Of Piraeus
ATHENS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighters shot down five Junker twin-engined bombers and so severely damaged others that it is unlikely that they reached their bases on Tuesday morning when German planes attempted their first recorded dive-bombing attack on the Piraeus harbour.

Slight damage was caused to R.A.F. property. All fighters returned to their base.

R.A.F. bombers operating from Greece, bases played havoc with German communications. One pilot officer, participating in an initial attack on troop concentrations near Yanitsa, described to-day a "truly remarkable" effect of a tracer **TURN to Back Page, Column 3**

LATEST

Brilliant Success For Yugo-Slavs Reported
NEW YORK, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A Columbia Broadcasting Company correspondent from somewhere in Yugo-Slavia reports that the Yugo-Slavs have retaken Skopje and Nish and claim 20,000 prisoners. They have isolated a German panzer (mechanised) division and 400 German tanks.

Italian Boast
ROME, Apr. 15 (UP).—The Stefani news agency reporting the latest news from Yugo-Slavia, states the Serbian army has been almost completely wiped out and their resistance is "wakening hourly, adding, "the total and complete collapse of the Serbian army is very near."

New Lightning Threat?
BERLIN, Apr. 15 (UP).—Hitler's Balkan armies to-day launched a new lightning thrust at the heart of the Anglo-Greek defence positions in northern Greece, while the last resistance by the Yugo-Slavs is being crushed in the mountain of Bosnia and Herzegovina, it was revealed in to-day's High Command communique.

This is the first German push on the Greek front since the capture of Salonika, and resulted in the first clash between German and British forces. It is indicated that contrary to expectations, the Germans are not availing of a final collapse of Yugo-Slavia, which is confidently expected here in the very near future, for launching a drive against the main Anglo-Greek point.

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Lupe Leon Velez Errol

MEXICAN SPITFIRE OUT WEST

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Civil Service XI

The Civil Service team to play India in a second division league cricket fixture at Sookunpos on Saturday is—H. Strang (captain), G. Ainslie, V. C. B. G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. H. Hart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, and M. J. Smith and Wilson.

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Scottish Cup (Semi-finals).—Cell
Hearts; Rangers v. St Mirren.
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Third Lanark; Albion Rovers v. Gr
ock Morton.
Other Matches.—Football League
All British.—Reuter.

Miss Tong's scholarship, amounting to U.S.\$1,000 per year, is offered by the Wells College, New York.

It is understood that the University of Home Economics of Oregon University is also offering a scholarship of U.S. \$500 per year.

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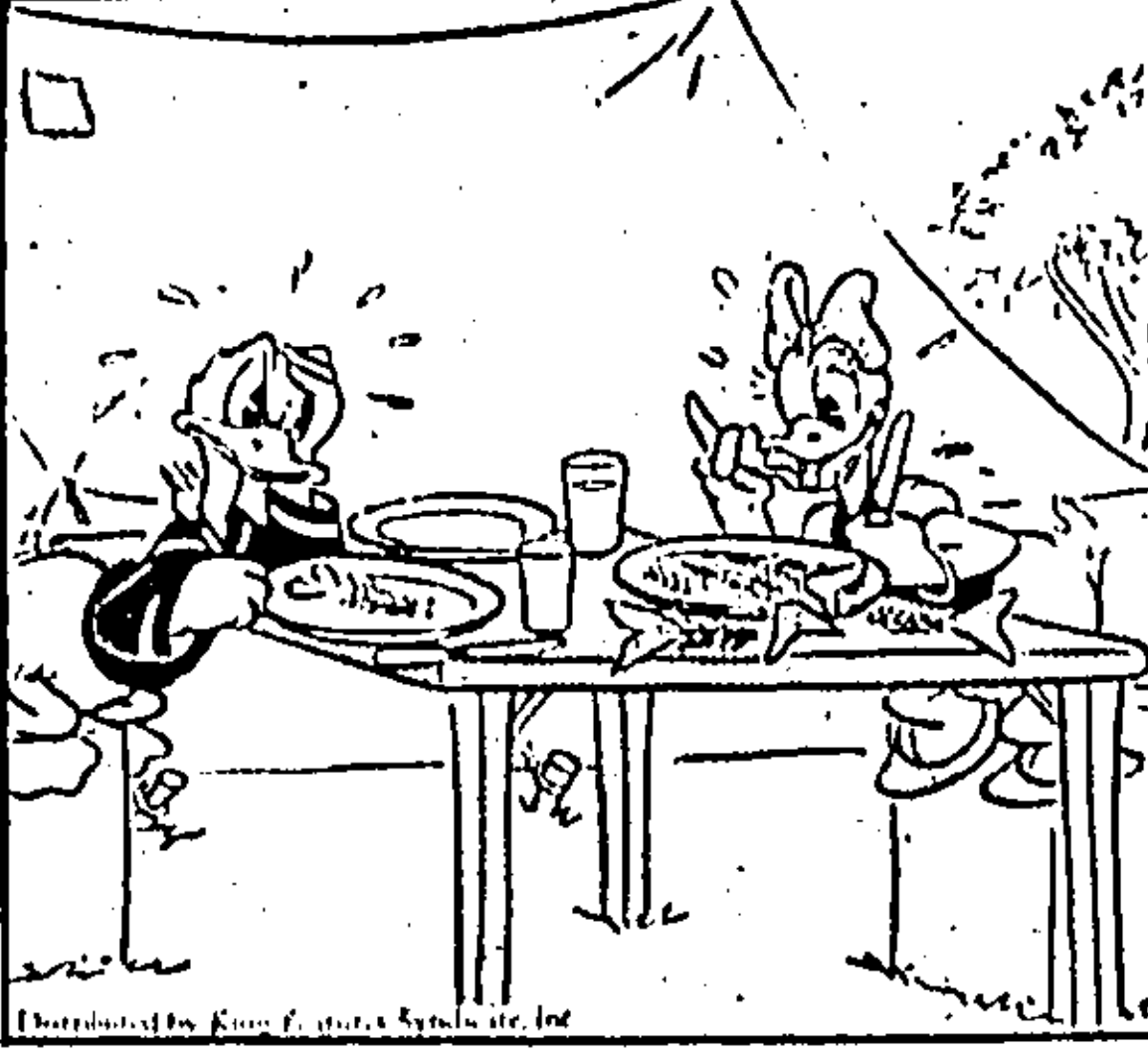
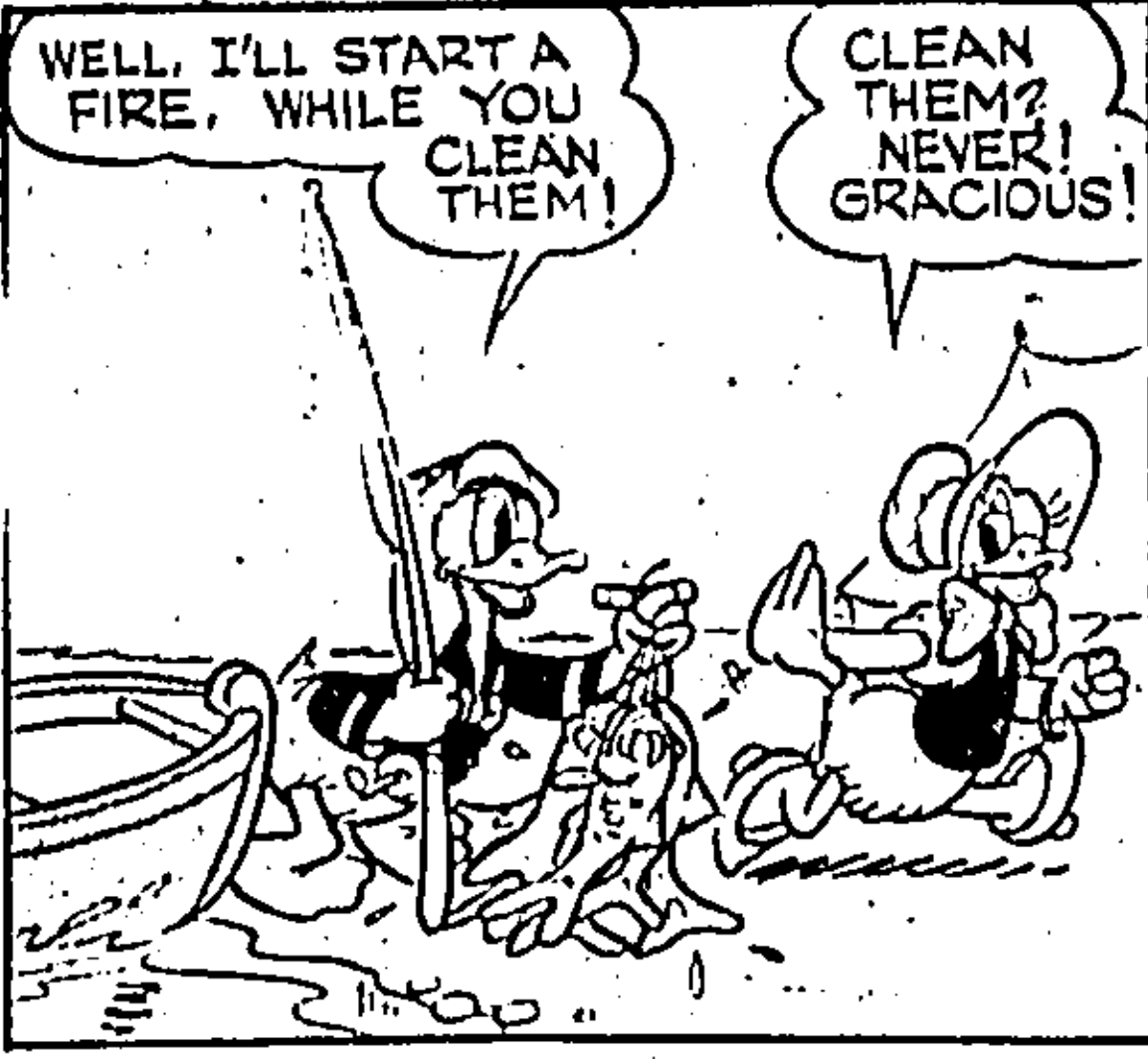
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Most Ambitious Woman in Europe

COUNTRESS EDDA CIANO, Mussolini's eldest daughter, who has given birth to three children and the Rome-Berlin Axis during eleven years of married life, is seeing her dreams of a great new Roman Empire go up in smoke from the charred ruins in Africa.

She has stumped Europe for the last five years—wearing the family diplomatic trousers—the most ambitious woman in Europe.

Her personal vanity has influenced great events. In Rome the women who dislike her aggressive ways blame her for the present war.

Countess Ciano is Mussolini's favourite child. She is different from the podgy Vittorio and Bruno, the fine-weather flyers who machine-gunned Ethiopian tribesmen, and Romano and Anna Maria, the younger children. So different that the report has been long current in European capitals that her mother was a Russian woman Socialist who captivated the labour agitator who was later to rule Italy.

Her age is doubtful.

At the time of her marriage in April 1930 it was given as 19.

Cold-Shouldered

SIX years ago Edda was cold-shouldered by London. Official receptions and dinner parties were given for her. She went to Ascot for the Hunt Cup. She did a little sight-seeing. But Mayfair turned fur-coated backs to the visitor. She went back to Rome disgruntled.

She had been made much of by English people during a previous trip to India. The Viceroy, Lord Halifax, then Lord Irwin, had entertained her.

But the heart of the British Empire had not stirred at her arrival. And she did not like it.

A year later, in fateful 1936, she went to Berlin.

Hitler invited her to dinner. She sat on his right hand.

Ribbentrop, Goering, and Goebbels attended another banquet given for her. She became very friendly with the Goerings, who did her the



Edda—Mother of the Axis

honour of christening one of their children after her.

Big, blond Nordic escorts flattered her.

Hitler gave her a signed photograph.

Rudolf Hess handed out long explanations about German-Italian co-operation and painted pictures of a new world order.

Previous Italian relations with Germany had been distinctly cool.

Edda stayed a month in Berlin, and the Nazi chiefs continued to treat her with rather more respect than they would have paid to a princess. She held long conversations with serious-minded Hess.

Then she went home...

Four months later her husband signed the Axis Treaty with Germany.

"Edda was the mother," said the Berlin wits. "Hess was the father by proxy."

MUSSOLINI'S dictate that a woman's place is in the home is contradicted every day of the year by Edda's activities.

She has given the State two future soldier sons and one housewife-to-be, but unlike

the Queen, the Crown Princess and Mrs Mussolini herself she has always had a will of her own to defy father.

Italians believe that she is the only person in the world, since her uncle Arnaldo Mussolini died, who can in the slightest way affect Mussolini's decisions.

She does not admit it.

Once she was asked if she would like to be his secretary. "I can help my father best by tenderness," she replied. "I am interested in music and sculpture. Politics leave me indifferent. In the Duce I see only the man who is my father."

To these remarks Rome socialites use the phrase with which Edda herself surprised Sir Eric Drummond, the British Ambassador—"Aw! Boloney!"

She picked that up in Shanghai. That and less polite American slang.

At one time Mussolini planned to marry her off to the Crown Prince.

But that gentleman did not share the Dictator's enthusiasm and so Edda, after a spell under a strict English governess and another at the smartest girls' school in Italy—from which she once ran away—married instead young Ciano.

The Facts...

GALEZZO CIANO then was chiefly known as the son of his father, who was Mussolini's right-hand man.

The father, now dead, had been chosen by the Fascist Supreme Council as his successor, should one be needed. He was a man once of small fortune but died one of the richest men in Italy.

The younger Ciano, after a spell as man about town and another as gossip writer for a little-known Italian newspaper, was slowly rising in the Fascist scale. He went to Shanghai after his marriage, but it was not long before he returned to become in due course Foreign Minister.

His wife still professed her indifference to politics.

"Women," she said, "should not interfere in politics. Their function in Fascist Italy is to have children and live a home life."

But she did come home from London annoyed with the English.

She did come home from Berlin charmed with the Germans.

The Axis was born shortly afterwards.

There are more ways than one of taking part in diplomacy. Perhaps it is a pity that the British Foreign Office, unlike the elephant, sometimes forgets that

Greek Relief Fund

Bomber Fund Additions

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donations to the Greek Relief Fund:

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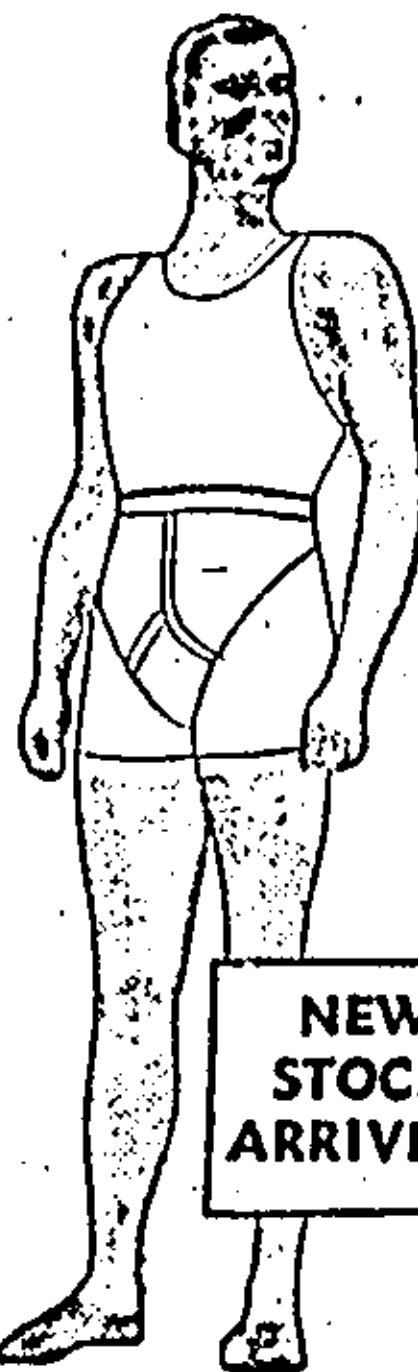
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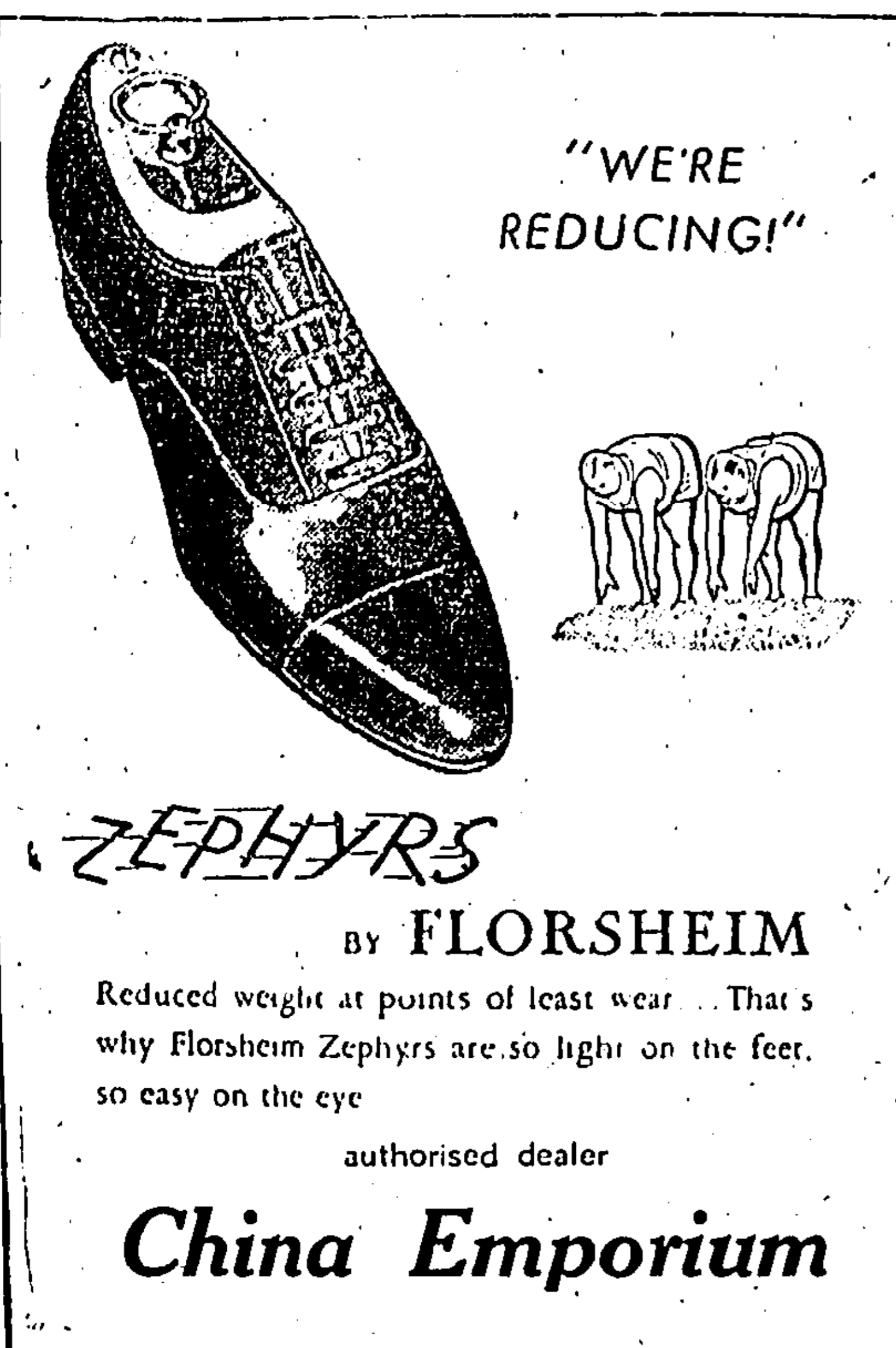
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THE RIVAL LOAVES

SINCE this is an all-in war, from the dangers of which not even the brass-hats are excluded, it is not surprising to learn that the white loaf in England has to be fortified. Many have contended for years that it stood badly in need of fortification—though to be fair it must be added that others have praised it as the summit of dietetic excellence.

But it seems to have been easier to put Britain in a state of complete defence after Dunkirk than to fortify the white loaf. Great Britain stands four-square to all the Nazi blasts or miasmas that may blow, but the ordinary loaf, wearing the white flour of a blameless (or, as some say, blameful) life, nevertheless still stands defenceless, and the Food Ministry cannot promise that it will be made impregnable for a few months yet. Apparently magic vitamins cannot be conjured into existence as rapidly as was expected or hoped.

In the meantime, the people are promised a new version of that brown loaf which for long has been fanatically favoured in some quarters. A desperate civil war seems to impend in the bread world, for the new brown is apparently to be a formidable fellow bristling with dietetic muniments, and ready to fly at his white rival on the slightest provocation or none at all. How bakers are to maintain peace in their establishments with all this belligerent material around is hard to tell.

The staff of life, it is hoped, will not become a sword, nor citizens be so busy giving one another the lie concerning the respective merits or demerits of the rival loaves that they will forget to fight the real cause of all the trouble—the Germans.

A NEW ATLANTIC ALLIANCE

by **George Slocombe**

The Famous Foreign Correspondent

IN the smoking-room of a modest club in London, an exiled King sits in conference with his Ministers.

When their Cabinet meeting is over, King and Ministers lunch together in the club dining-room—a tall, lean man surrounded by half-a-dozen others, who, from their robust and genial appearance, might be mistaken for master mariners.

He is King Haakon of Norway, and his Ministers are the Government of Free Norway.

Thirty-five years ago this simple and modest man was called to the throne of the most peaceful State in Europe.

For, thirty-five years, while Europe lived in a turmoil of revolutions, industrial revolts, wars and political crises, Haakon stood at the helm of his ship of Vikings.

King And People

Leader of a nation of sailors, fishermen and peasants, he ruled over a vast, thinly populated, largely barren country of forests and fjords, stretching from the 58th parallel of latitude to the Arctic Circle.

Most of his country's wealth lay on the sea, in its great merchant fleet, and in the sea, in the cod fisheries and herring schools of the Northern waters.

His people were a people who counted few rich men, and hardly any poor, as we know poverty. They lived hardly and simply, in peace with their neighbours and with all the world.

During the world war of 1914-18 they maintained a severe neutrality. During the post-war years they worked indefatigably for the peace of Europe.

They believed ardently in the League of Nations. They believed in the permanence of their own neutrality.

They even tried, at the Oslo Conference, to erect neutrality into a permanent political instrument, by grouping together all the neutrals of Europe into a kind of minor League of Nations.

Neighbours

They were also one of the few States of northern Europe who did not regard the Soviet Union with hostility and growing disquiet.

Russia had always been a good neighbour to Norway, even in the remotest Tsarist times—a better neighbour, in fact, than the Finns, which accounts for Norway's reluctance to take sides in the Russo-Finnish war last winter, and for her continued good relations with Moscow.

And after the last world war the Norwegians showed sympathy with the Weimar Republic of Germany, welcomed to their homes the children of starving German and Austrian families, worked hard for reconciliation and appeasement.

Disillusion

And then came the tragic disillusionment. At dawn on April 9, 1940, by a combination of treachery, surprise and intimidation never before displayed even by the Nazis, the Germans invaded Norway.

The German and Austrian children of the early post-war years had grown up into fanatical Hitler-worshipping, Nazi storm troopers and docile conscripts.

Speaking the Norwegian they had learned in the homes of their compassionate hosts, they crept into Norwegian harbours by stealth in the holds of merchant vessels, threw off the mask, and occupied Norway in the name of Hitler.

Haakon, to his eternal credit, refused to surrender. His ministers followed him.

Hitler's demand for the formation of a government under Major Quisling was rejected.

After the first stunning moment of surprise and confusion, Norwegian resistance began in the forests and villages of Northern and Central Norway. Allied troops were landed.

Then came the unparalleled series of disasters in the Low Countries and in France. The Allied troops were withdrawn to fight the more desperate battle at home.

Stubborn People

The King and his ministers took refuge in England. The second phase of Norway's resistance began—the underground phase at home: the naval phase abroad.

Norway's fortunes are now, as in the days of the Vikings, cast upon the waters. King Haakon still rules over a nation afloat. A great whaling fleet in the north, the Faroe Islands.

A merchant fleet fourth among the fleets of the world. Destroyers and submarines. A small air force.

"Don't believe for a moment that Norway is entirely in the hands of the enemy. The northern part of the great peninsula is still unconquered, and it may be, unconquerable.

There are stubborn centres of resistance in those ice-covered mountains, those dark forests.

If Hitler invades Sweden, as he probably will sooner or later, as soon as Sweden is more useful to him occupied than unoccupied, it will be largely in order to march into conquered Norway through the narrow northern neck of the peninsula.

And also, perhaps, to ensure his invasion troops and ports on the Norwegian coast from the possibility of surprise and guerrilla warfare from the rear.

The war has radically changed Norway's foreign policy. The sterile and dangerous neutrality upon which she based her hopes of permanent peace has proved illusory.

Socialist Lead

She has realised, for the first time in nearly a century, that her fate cannot be linked alone with the fortunes of continental Europe.

Her fortunes lie upon the sea. They lie with the British Government, but with the Norwegian King Sverre proclaimed in the thirteenth century.

But they are also linked with all the maritime nations on the Atlantic seaboard.

Hence the importance, and the novelty of the new being advocated by the Norwegian acting Foreign Minister, Trygve Lie.

Mr Lie is a Socialist, like most of the members of Haakon's Cabinet. He is a lawyer by profession, and has for some years been legal adviser to the Norwegian trade unions.

WEAPONS OF TERROR

By
Miller Watson

WE get strange news in these days. It seems that, in Brazil, a tribe of savage Indians has attacked a missionary post and the authorities have been forced to send troops to the rescue.

It is almost incredible news—the very idea that war can be carried on in anything but the modern, mechanised, total way. But in reading of this incident have been reminded of the fact that long before Hitler invented screaming and incendiary bombs the South American Indians had practised total war and employed clever means of inspiring terror in their enemies.

The Indians now causing the trouble are of the Bororo tribe, a tribe which has never accepted "civilisation," and which still carries on a relentless war against the white man. I have seen some of the weapons they used when they fought against other tribes, and some of them served one purpose only—the spreading of panic and terror.

A device which intrigued me was a perforated gourd which, when swung round in the air at the end of a rope, gave out a wailing note of hair-raising pitch. This weapon of terror might almost be the prototype of some of Hitler's weapons.

Another noise-producer was made from two discs of hardwood which, when twisted against each other, produced a nerve-racking shriek. A similar device was made from one of bamboo pushed inside another of slightly larger diameter. When these were twisted a most piercing sound was made.

Apart from these there was a variety of trumpets and whistles, to intimidate by it.

say nothing of large horns which served the purpose of a megaphone and through which the Indians belated blood-curdling threats. No what, He no longer can attack his enemies in strength except in the most distant hinterland. But he spreads terror by stealthy murder. When the Bororos declare war on a rival tribe they terrify them by wailing their enemies in the jungle, and having mutilated a corpse it is deposited in the enemy village during the night. The daily appearance of another tortured and mutilated victim spreads fear which rapidly becomes panic.

Gongs made of shells, drums of bamboo and skin, bunches of canes which were rattled furiously, and cylinders full of stones which could be rattled were all terror arms in the hands of the Bororo Indians.

But they did not stop at noise. They painted themselves with weird and fearful designs. They wore masks of horrible expression, and many of them had artificial "dentures" made from alligator tusks, which protruded from their mouths and must have made them as dan-who know no pity.

serous looking as sabre-toothed tigers.

When the Bororos attacked another tribe they did the job in a "total" manner. All the old men and even Government surveyors. The Indians were surrounded, but faced the attack was made at night they shot troops, with absolute fearlessness. The warriors would kill prisoners tied by these South American natives. They have modernised and improved on old methods. But I am not sure that the Nazis will be so much as the Bororos.

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HOW WILL HITLER FALL? FOURTH ARTICLE

"We have now got to attempt, with the other free nations, to find new formulas for international co-operation."

"One thing is certain. What we want is something quite different from the New Order which Germany is now trying to impose upon us."

Seafarers All

"We are a seafaring nation, an old Atlantic people, and our inclusion in a Continental bloc would mean to us nothing but economic ruin."

"The characteristic Norse culture, built up in hundreds of years of effort, would disappear. Everything that is essentially Norwegian in our lives would be destroyed."

"The kind of co-operation we need is one with the Western peoples."

"We have always been in close economic relations with the nations on the Atlantic seaboard. They are not only our natural allies, they are also the nations which have the same traditions of freedom and democracy and tolerance which we ourselves cherish."

"In allying ourselves with them during the war, we are not only building up a mighty alliance of freedom-loving peoples to defeat Hitler and Hitlerism, we are laying the foundation of a permanent alliance of Atlantic States for the future."

"Such a political alliance would secure the national freedom and economic prosperity of Norway, protect us against aggressors, and prevent recurring economic or political crises from halting social reform and destroying the well-being of our people."

In The Alliance

I asked Mr Lie what countries he would like to see included in his proposed Atlantic Alliance.

He replied: "First of all there is the British Empire, the greatest commonwealth of nations ever formed."

"Then there is the powerful and rich union of the United States."

"There is France, Then Holland and Denmark, and Belgium. And Spain and Portugal."

"And there is Greece, which although not on the Atlantic seaboard is a maritime nation, and has proved her right to join an alliance of freedom-loving peoples by her fight for independence."

This Norwegian statesman's idea of an Atlantic Alliance has at least one merit:

It has infuriated Hitler, and it has been angrily denounced by Quisling.

They fear it because they know the power of ideas. They know that ideas can invade them, just as armies can—and perhaps more successfully.

The Norwegian patriots here are already prosecuting that invasion in the Scandinavian territories.

The idea is being spread diligently.

And as it spreads, the dominion of the Nazis in the North of Europe will be more and more undermined.

NEXT:

The Pistol at England's Heart.

America Is Suspicious Of Soviet-Japan Pact

Special to the "Telegraph"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (UP).—Diplomatic sources to-day predicted that the Russo-American conversations on commercial relations will be stopped temporarily until the meaning of the Russo-Japanese pact is clarified.

Comment on the treaty is still guarded and varied. Observers believed that the United States will continue its efforts to better relations with Russia, despite the pact, if there is convincing proof that the treaty will result in a stronger Russian stand against Germany in Europe.

In the case of Japan, however, the already strained relations are not expected to improve. Most observers here see the pact as a threat against Anglo-American interests in the Orient, inasmuch as it is believed that Japan previously feared a Russian attack in event of her southward expansion.

Russian Comment
MOSCOW, Apr. 15 (UP).—The official organ, "Izvestia," in an editorial to-day hailed the Russo-Japanese pact as the "turning point in history of the relations between the two countries, ending the old traditional enmity, and heralding a new phase which is promising to be fruitful." Other newspapers gave prominence to the exchange of telegrams between Mr. Matsuo and M. Molotov, as well as Prince Konoye's statement that "I am convinced of the historic significance of Soviet-Japanese relations which is aiding considerably in the establishment of peace throughout the world."

Japanese circles reported the trade and fisheries negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily and that an agreement is imminent.

Japanese Humble
TOKYO, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—After the first flush of enthusiasm for the new Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact, Japanese newspapers adopted a more reserved tone to-day. Caution is urged and the view expressed that unless Moscow suspends help to China and reaches an agreement with Japan on the various issues at present outstanding between the countries, the pact will be valueless.

One newspaper says that the pact should not be construed as a gesture of goodwill to Japanese but the natural policy of the Soviet Union which seeks profit by the wars of others.

Air Duels Over English Channel

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Royal Air Force fighters carried out offensive patrols over the Channel and Northern France during daylight to-day and shot down two German fighters.

A German bomber was also destroyed by fighters over the Channel. One British fighter is missing. No bombs fell on Britain during daylight on Tuesday.

Night Alert

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The alert sounded in the London area at a late hour to-night. Enemy aircraft were reported over areas in the northwest, east and south west of England, north Midlands and East Anglia.

U. S. Fighting Personnel

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A bill increasing the officer and enlisted strength of the United States Navy and Marine Corps to 232,000 was passed and sent to the White House by the Senate to-day.

The bill also authorizes the President to acquire 200,000 tons of auxiliary vessels for national defense and to raise the number of men enlisted to 300,000 at his discretion.

Idle Foreign Ships In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Legislation authorizing the President during the present emergency to purchase, requisition or take possession of foreign merchantmen, lying idle in United States ports was held before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day by the Chairman, Senator George.

Hitler Carves Up Territory

BERLIN, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Hitler has appointed Nazi civil administrators for German occupied Yugo-Slav territories of lower Styria, Carinthia and Carniola, former Austrian territory incorporated in Yugo-Slavia after the last war.

South African Troops

PRETORIA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—"The South African military forces are now likely to have the opportunity of serving in Africa beyond East Africa and Abyssinia," said the Department of Defence statement to-day, calling for recruits for all branches of the defence forces.



REFUGEE HAVEN—Rafael L. Trujillo, left, former President of Dominican Republic, discusses in New York with Archduke Otto, pretender to Austrian throne, large-scale settlement in Dominica of oppressed Catholics.

INDIAN TRIUMPH AT MASSAWA

NEW DELHI, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Many deeds of gallantry by Indian troops during the operations leading to the fall of Massawa are described in despatches received from Eritrea.

The Indian troops were quick to seize the advantage and attempt actions against odds which normally would have been extremely hazardous. On several occasions enemy machine gun positions concealed in wire entanglements were taken at the bayonet point, and one sepoy in taking such a post single-handedly crawled close enough to throw a hand grenade.

Another heroism led a detachment across a bullet swept area and mined to cut off 500 Italian naval ratings holding one sector of the line. During the attack on the port, an Indian Company led by a subadar succeeded in rounding up approximately 200 prisoners, all Europeans who were preparing to make a stand. The subadar sent a platoon around the flank with orders to open rapid fire and eventually effected a clever capture.

Past Minefields
Indian troops in carriers were the first to enter Massawa, despite minefields crowding the entrance, which were easily located and disposed of by Indian Sappers and miners. As soon as the troops were dismissed at Massawa, there was a general rush seaward and bathing was soon in full swing, though it was nearly midnight. Meanwhile the Indian samas were settling down to cook an enormous meal of celebration over the capture of Italian oranges.

Liaison With Turks
ANKARA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Lieut. Gen. Sir James Marshall-Cornwall has left here for Egypt. Accompanied by Air Marshal Elmhirst he arrived in Turkey from Egypt at the beginning of April to resume talks with the Turkish General Staff.

BLAZE RENDER 5,000 HOMELESS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Apr. 15 (UP).—A fire last night razed 1,000 straw huts in Shanghai's western area outside the settlement, making some 5,000 persons homeless, mostly poverty stricken Chinese.

Seven fire engines from three stations battled the blaze for five hours.

SURVIVORS OF TORPEDOED SHIP

Pernambuco, Brazil, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Nineteen survivors of the crew of a British steamer landed here to-day from a Brazilian steamer which picked them up on Sunday. The British vessel is reported to have been torpedoed.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

CANBERRA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Australia is to raise £35,000,000 (Australian) loan of which £27,000,000 will be for war purposes, and the remainder for public works including strategic railroads.

U. S. Has A Million Under Arms

WASHINGTON, April 15 (UP).—The United States had 1,264,310 men under arms on March 10, the first time the figure has crossed the million mark since the World War.

The War Department reported that the Army now has 68,500 officers and 936,000 men, including regulars, national guardsmen, reserves on active duty and selective trainees. This number is expected to be increased to 1,418,000 by July 1.

The Navy has 214,710 actives and reserves on duty, and the Marine Corps has 46,100. Legislation is pending to increase the strength of the Navy to 300,000, and of the Marine Corps to 60,000.

Remarkable Feat
War Department authorities considered the expansion of the Army to date a remarkable feat. They pointed out that when the Armistice was signed on Nov. 11, 1918 Army strength had reached a peak of 3,673,888 and that it stood at only 187,886 on June 30, 1939.

Coincident with release of the Army data, the Senate hoisted a "keep out" sign to potential invaders of the Americas. Without a word of debate, the Chamber approved a resolution serving notice that this country will not recognize the transfer of any geographic region in the Western Hemisphere from one non-American power to another non-American power.

Transfer Of Gold Stocks Completed

WASHINGTON, April 15 (UP).—One of the largest transportation jobs in history—transfer of some \$10,000,000,000 in gold from New York to the Fort Knox, Kentucky, underground stronghold—has just been completed by Federal agents after eight months of secret work.

The shipments started last July when European gold, sent to the United States for war supplies and other equipment, threatened to swamp the New York Federal Reserve Board's storage facilities. Since that time, 45 trains, bearing 672,827 gold bars worth \$9,055,864,651, have arrived in Fort Knox. This boosted the Kentucky gold stock to \$14,579,591,387—or approximately two-thirds of the U.S. holdings of \$22,179,232,491.

No Hitch
Post Office department officials supervised the transfer, and Secret Service agents of the Treasury Department served as guards. In addition, each trainload was protected by two army officers and 34 enlisted men.

Departure of each train usually occurred at night, and the routes and schedules were kept secret. Officials said that no untoward incident occurred during any of the trips.

Panama Canal Trade Down

Lowest Transit Figures

WASHINGTON, April 15 (UP).—Transits through the Panama Canal during 1940 were the lowest recorded since 1935.

The aggregate number of ocean-going commercial vessels passing through the Canal last year totalled 5,058, a decrease of 870 vessels or 15 percent as compared with 1939.

The decreased movement of cargo through the Canal in 1940, was due to the relatively low level of trade to and from Europe. Trade between Europe and the West Coast of the United States and Canada dropped from 4,872,000 tons in 1939 to 2,429,000 in 1940, while the Europe-South American traffic fell off from 2,429,000 tons to 904,000 tons.

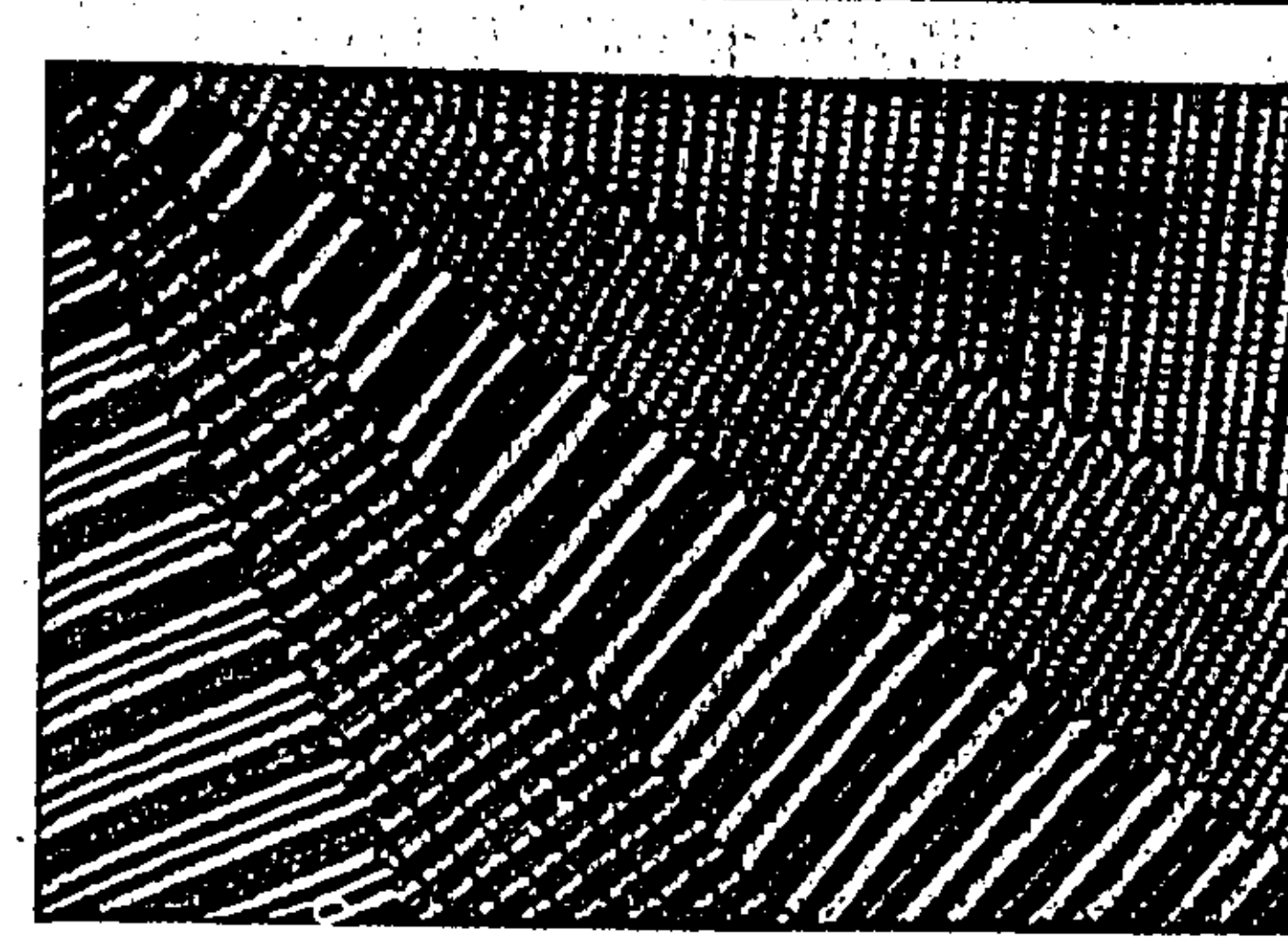
Coincident with the large amount of construction now in progress on the Isthmus, the amount of local incoming cargo reached a record level at both Cristobal and Balboa during December 1940.

The combined total of 121,648 tons represented the largest amount of local incoming cargo to have crossed the docks of these ports since the Canal was opened to commerce.

WAR PAINTINGS

As already announced, there will be an exhibition of war paintings and sketches by Mr. Liang Yu-ming in St. John's Cathedral Hall on April 18 and 19, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in aid of war charities—the British War Organisation Fund, British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, and Chinese Artists' Aeroplane Fund. The exhibition will be under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, and will be opened by Bishop Hall.

The "Hongkong Scouting Gazette" for March contains "Points on Pioneering" and other interesting articles, and two illustrations, one of them being a snapshot of the former Acting Governor, General Norton.



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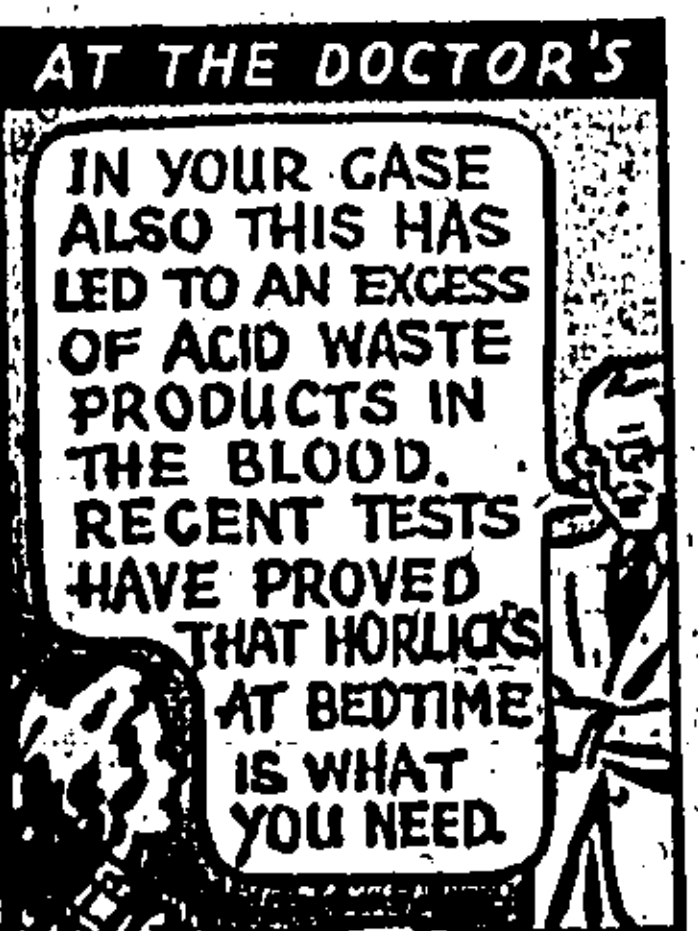
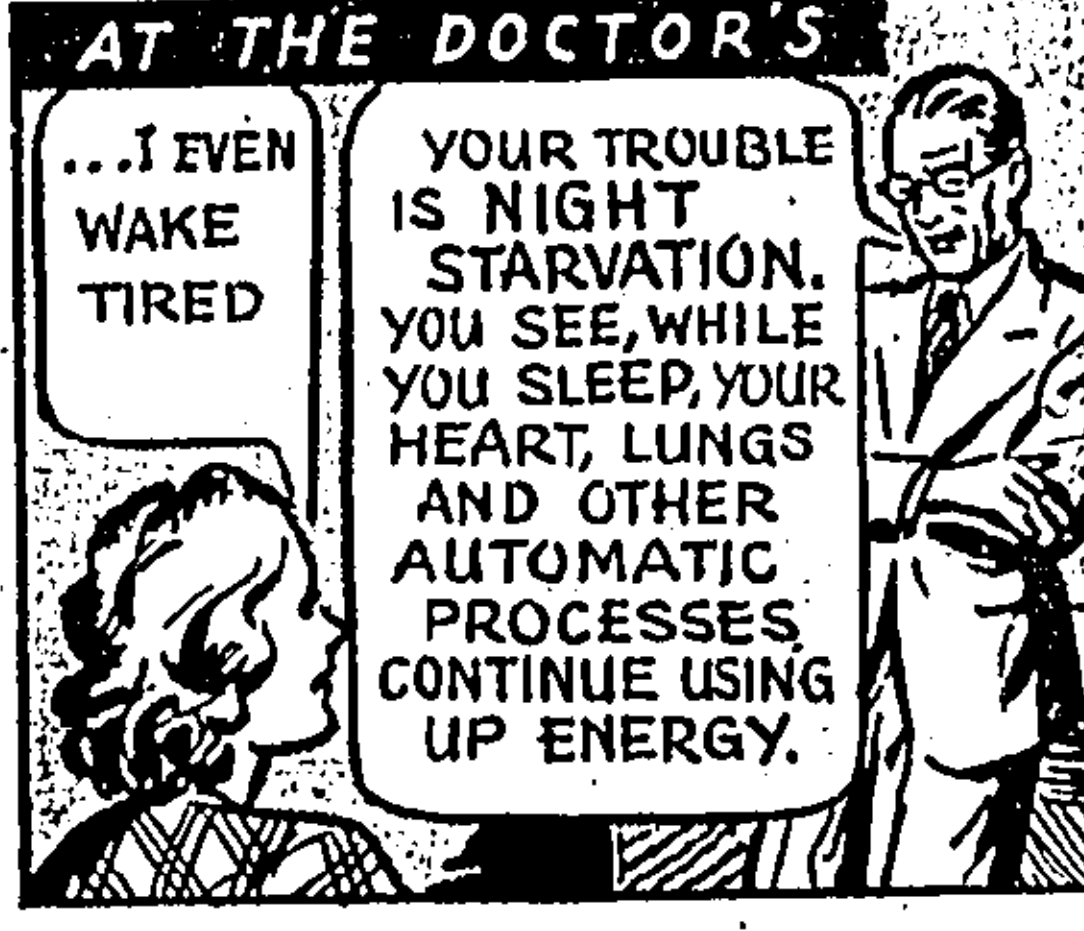
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THE KOWLOON-HAPPY VALLEY GOLF MATCH



A happy group of the Kowloon Golf Club and Happy Valley golfers in the match at Kowloon City last Friday in which the Mainland side easily beat the Valley team.—Ming Yuen.

Important Rules To Remember

Poor Outlook For Tennis League

If present entries (it should be entry) are any criterion of what to expect from the tennis players for the League this year, the outlook is very poor. Though entries close to-day, only one has been received for the four Divisions—this from the Civil Service C.C. Clubs are reminded that to-day is the closing date. These should be sent as soon as possible to Mr C. J. Tach, Hon. Secretary the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association, c/o the Kowloon C.C.

Badminton

First Round Matches In Women's Doubles

RESULTS of matches in the first round of the women's Doubles Badminton Championship last night were according to book, though in one—Mrs O. Ribeiro and Miss M. Silva v. Miss U. Khoo and Mrs Wilson—the result could not have been forecast.

The games were played at the Jewish Recreation Club, and a fair crowd of spectators were present.

The results in brief were: Miss M. M. Silva and Miss A. Xavier beat Miss J. Choa and Miss M. Churn 15-4, 15-11. Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs O. Silva beat Miss U. Khoo and Mrs Wilson 18-13, 15-0.

Mrs Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez beat Miss G. White and Miss F. Wong 15-3, 15-8. Mrs Torrible and Mrs Zimmer beat Miss M. Noronha and Miss I. Pereira 15-2, 15-2.

MISS CHOA and Miss Churn lost their first game to Miss Silva and Miss Xavier in an easy manner, and in comparison their showing in the second game was surprising. They had, by then, acquired something approaching combination, but had settled down too late.

Surprising Collapse

MISS U. KHOO and Mrs Wilson featured in a surprising collapse when they met Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs O. Silva. The winners deserved their success for the spirited and slightly superior play of the opening game. It was their superior combination that carried the day.

On the other side of the next, faulty tactics were their cause of the downfall. Miss Khoo and Mrs Wilson chose the wrong method of play. Mrs Wilson took the net, and Miss Khoo covered the baseline, and as a consequence the former had comparatively little to do while the latter bore the brunt of the work.

Had Mrs Wilson been allowed to take her stand side-by-side with Miss Khoo and share the work more evenly there might easily have been a different result to the match. Miss Khoo was played out in the second game.

Other Games

IN the other matches, opposition was too weak to provide any great interest. Mrs Torrible and Mrs Zimmer, whom many anticipate will win the title, easily accounted for Miss M. Noronha and Miss I. Pereira.

Putting, Approaching And Playing From Hazards Match Penalties For Ignorance

(By "Birdie")

THE RULES of most games are of such a rigidity that their relaxation is attended by deterioration of play, but with golf there are several points that can be stretched without impairment of interest. But it must be remembered that points are being stretched.

Setting the ball on nice bits of "pretty", for instance, make for better shots and a keener enjoyment of the game. The other day one of a fourball grounded his club preparatory to making a shot, and then coolly excavated a small submerged stone discovered behind the ball before smacking a superb wood that almost carried the green. He had left a hole behind the ball as big as an apple!

He was, of course, avoiding damage to his club, but the stone was not by any means a loose impediment, and the ball ought to have been played from where it lay.

The extreme was a player who landed on the concrete side of a well, and played four shots from the concrete before reaching the fairway again. Here, under Rule 11, he was entitled to a free pick up.

This Rule is worth quoting. It reads:

Removal of Obstructions

Any flag-stick, guide-post, implement, vehicle, bridge, bridge-planking, seat, hut, shelter or similar obstruction may be removed. A ball moved in removing such an obstruction shall be lifted and dealt with as provided for in Rule 8 without penalty (dropping not nearer the hole).

A ball lying on or touching such an obstruction, or lying on or touching clothes, or ground under repair, or a drain cover, hydrant, hydrant cover, or exposed water-pipe, or lying in a hole made by a green-keeper, may be lifted and dealt with as provided for in Rule 8 without penalty.

If a player's stroke be interfered with by any such obstruction which is immovable and which is within two club lengths of his ball, the ball may be lifted and dropped or on the putting green placed not more than two club lengths from the obstacle but not nearer the hole, without penalty.

At reading the first paragraph, it raises a little smile to think that one would consider removing a bridge in order to make a shot! But those obstacles are dealt with in the last paragraph.

However, returning to the player who discovered the stone—he, I should imagine, had broken another Rule in that the club must be grounded lightly and not pressed to the ground. Loose impediments on the fairway and green may be removed, but not when in a hazard (i.e. bunker). A buried stone is not a loose impediment.

Before striking at a ball in play, a player shall not improve the position of his ball by moving, bending or breaking anything fixed or growing, except (1) so far as is necessary to enable him fairly to take his stance in addressing the ball, or (2) in making his backward or forward swing. The club may be grounded lightly and not pressed to the ground.

THERE was a hot, but friendly argument a little while ago concerning the moving of a ball on the green while addressing it. One of the players moved his ball in addressing it, but though nudging it slightly forward, when he removed the

putter it sank back into its original position. It had oscillated. Was it a stroke?

On this, incidentally, depended the result of the match. Had it moved the match would have been halved, but if there were no stroke penalty the match would have been won and lost.

Under Rule 9 one may touch the ball in addressing it. Under Definition 19 "a ball is deemed to have moved if it leaves its position and comes to rest in another place."

I hold no brief for either side in view of Definition 19, though I would otherwise hold that a stroke was the penalty.

It seems that quite a bit of confusion arises out of the penalties attached to striking the flag from within twenty yards of the green. Under match and medal play there are extreme differences.

In Stroke-play—Medal—the penalty is two strokes (Stroke Rule 13), but in match play, under Rule 32, "if the ball rests against the flag-which is in the hole, the player shall be entitled to remove the flag-stick, and, if the ball fall into the hole, the player shall be deemed to have holed out at his last stroke."

There are penalties (loss of the hole) for striking the flag which is held by your partner or caddy. It would there, be up to "Y" or "X's" caddy to remove the flag in match play when "X" is playing from within twenty yards, but if "Y's" caddy holding the flag were struck then "Y" loses the hole.

In medal play it would be up to "X" to have his own caddy remove the flag-stick otherwise there would be the penalty of two strokes for hitting it.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 26th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 17th April, 1941.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Poor Tennis In Yesterday's Doubles Match

E. C. FINCHER and W. C. Hung entered the quarter-finals of the Colony Open Doubles tennis Championships yesterday when they beat Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui in two straight sets 6-1, 6-4 on the Stand Court.

Tennis, however, was far below standard, and only at very infrequent intervals was there anything to command the interest of spectators.

Fincher and Hung had comparatively little difficulty in taking the first set for neither Kong nor Fung were anything like settled. Fung was lamentably weak, and though Kong strove to take on more of the burden his efforts were outmanoeuvred by his opponents. Fincher was serving very well.

Kong and Fung took a 4-1 lead in the second set, and it seemed that the match was going to three sets, but Fincher and Hung revived something of their earlier combination and fought their way to take five games in a row for the set.

To-day's Match

The Stand Court match in the Open Tennis Championships to-day will be:

Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Yip v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.

Easter Softball Thrills Fans At Kowloon Football Club

Saints Prolong Winning Streak: First Games Of International Series

(By "Ball Fan")

DRIVING PAST the first round bend with tremendous run-scoring momentum, Harry Noronha's all powerful starlight representing Portugal came through with a devastating 10-3 victory over the loose playing Great Britain nine. China cruised into the second round stretch with a narrow 4-3 win over a spirited Philippine threat, while the defending champions from India just made the "in" mark in taking Canada for a close 7-5 triumph.

Easter Monday's brilliant charity doubleheader, featuring the glittering heights of local softball talent, before a fashion-minded holiday crowd of ball fans, saw the burly ballhawking Saints in spirited championship mood as they continued their winning streak with a "swing music" triumph over the raiding Mohawks. The star-studded Wildcats took the Rest into camp, coming through with a 9-5 win.

HONUS Waggoner's battling Mohawk Braves, in a desperate bid to terminate the present season with a win over Dave Leonard's Saints before the arrival of the warm "trade winds", took a disastrous 7-1 defeat as the champions rolled across with a powerful panzer-clouing attack to annihilate the serious Iroquois threat.

For five ferocious innings the two teams dished up a dazzling brand of night ball with the Five Nations papoose men taking a slim lone tally lead in the 5th frame on Frankie Creve's slashing single to right.

The pulverizing Saints sending out baselists, to crash home four winning runs as Stan Leonard, Jindo Hussain, Frankie Gonzales and Hal Wingless came tearing across in gleeful fashion.

For the last three frames the star-shitted Mohawks played "rapid-exit" ball to chalk up a grand total of thirteen miscues, a season's single game record for the galloping Tribe. The champions added three more runs in the final inning on three driving blows, by Stan Leonard, Frankie Gonzales and George Sousa.

Specialed Cy Jones' brave mountsmen was nicked for ten solid hits, but was given poor support by his faltering teammates in their off-game of the year.

SCORING in every stanza, the star-studded Wildcats de-

feated the Rest 9-5, in the holiday opener. For three innings the two teams battled even ball, but the untamed felines forged ahead in the 4th with two tallies by Cynthia Motta and Thelma Collice; adding four more runs in the next two innings.

The Rest staged a fighting finish in the last canto, pushing across two markers in a last minute bid, featuring Betty Fitzgerald's double, the only extra base clout by the losers.

PLAYING real consistent ball and driving through with a fighting attack, Portugal's slugging ball tossers hammered the offerings of British hurler Jock Brown for fourteen solid safeties to breeze in with an easy 10-3 win.

Led by the dynamite clouting of George Sousa, and Arturo Ozerio, the winners were never seriously threatened as they started off with a five run barrage in the 1st stanza on five solid smacks.

Hurler Gerry Gosano limited the dangerous Empire willow-wielders to three soft singles and was never seriously threatened by the clouting duo of Stan and Dave Leonard.

CHINA entered the International series second round with a hard-earned victory over a stubborn-playing team from the Philippines.

Flinger Herbie Quon held the soft hitting Islanders to two measly bingles, but his team mates were only able to garner four hits off the slab toiling of Dave Amper.

The Chinese pulled a screwball boner in the last stanza allowing the Filipinos to clog the bags with one out; but a rapid fire double play, Bill Chang to Wally Ching, ended to loser's last ditch threat.

Wally Ching's triple and double were the longest hits of the fray while Filipino third sacker Enoc Loyola's two singles were the only hits chalked up for Udeonson's Islanders.

LEADING 3-1 for four innings, Canada's Maple

Holiday Stars

George Sousa and Charlie Quinn, Portugal—Former led the winners slugging hit attack, connecting for a double and three singles, and coming across with one run; latter tripled for the longest hit in the fray to drive in two runs.

Wally Ching and Herbie Quon, China—Former came through with a terrific triple and double, making two of the four Chinese baselists; Herbie held the Philippine Islanders to two measly hits and whiffed eight, to climax a brilliant hurling game.

Baby Abbas and Junior Marker, India—The Baby came through with a perfect day at the platter, polling out three sizzling singles and coming in with two tallies; latter also started with three hits in three times up to play an important part in the Indian win.

Cynthia Motta and Thelma Collice, Wildcats—Cynthia's two runs and two hits were a big factor in the champions' holiday win over the Rest; latter hurled steady ball, holding the losers' to six bingles and whiffing six in a stellar display.

Frankie Gonzales and Stan Leonard, St Joseph's—Frankie limited the dangerous Mohawks to five hits besides clouting out three singles in a standout win; latter played an all-round bang-up game at the infield sack and his tally in the 6th frame started the champion Saints on a scoring merry-go-round.

Cottage Club Hunt For "Kiki Cup"

The Cottage Club will hold its next hunt in the Dill's Corner country on Saturday, April 19, the winner of the hunt to receive the "Kiki Cup", a trophy which has been donated by Madame Louis de San, formerly Miss Kiki de Chaffoy de Courcelles.

Ponies will be drawn for at the Club at 3 p.m. and the hunt will start from Dill's Corner at 4 p.m.

In the evening, supper will be held at the Club house, prior to which Madame de San will present the Cup to the winner.

Leafs bogged down in the 5th to watch Sherry Bux and Baby Abbas tear home with two more Indian tallies.

The defending champions added another run in the 6th canto on a sizzling double by Cyclone Baker and clinched the game in the last inning as singles by A. R. Kitchell, Baby Abbas and Cyclone Baker sped across three final runs.

The Maple Leafs surprised the gashouse fans with a fighting game as chunky Johnny Fisher led the loser's batting attack.

The Indians bunched eleven bingles off slabster Den Chary whose speed balls were not tearing over with the old time zip.

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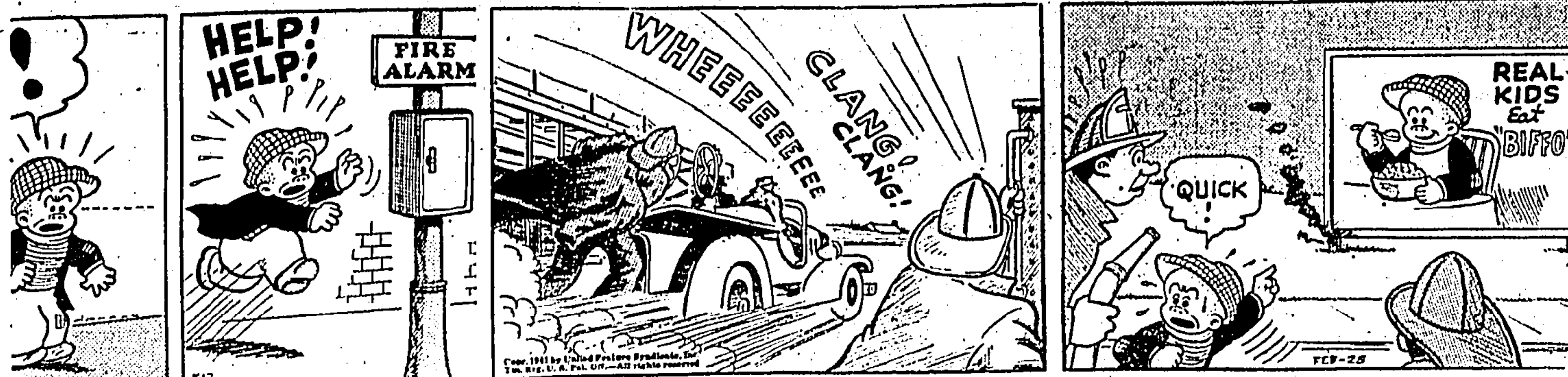
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SOUTH CHINA CELEBRATE SOCCER VICTORIES



Celebrating their fourth consecutive annexation of the Senior Football League honours, and their winning of the Senior Challenge Shield and the Kowloon Charity Cup, South China Athletic Association held a dinner at the Ying King Restaurant on Monday night. The function was a signal success, and among those present were (as in picture above, from left to right) Mr. Mok Hing, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (President of the Hongkong Football Association), Mr. Luke Ol-wan (President of S.C.A.A.), the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas and Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan (Chairman) who welcomed the guests. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).

HEARST TO SELL ART TREASURES

THE major portion of Mr. William Randolph Hearst's extraordinarily miscellaneous art collection, which experts say may be worth anything from £4,000,000 to £12,000,000, will be placed on sale in two of New York's leading department stores.

It is realised that it would be hopeless to try to auction them in the ordinary way. Price tags will therefore be attached to them, and they will be offered directly to the public.

Gimbel Brothers will set aside an entire floor of their shop, and Saks, the fashionable shop in Fifth Avenue, will also display as many paintings and other items as possible.

Monastery For £10,000

But even these huge stores will not be able to show their customers Mr. Hearst's 12th century Spanish monastery, which he had shipped to the United States in 14,000 crates, and which cost him at least £100,000. This can be had for about £10,000.

At the other end of the price scale is an 18th century English pewter plate which will be sold for 12 shillings.

Some idea of the fabulous nature of this collection may be obtained from the fact that staff experts have been compiling a catalogue for the past two years. They have completed 110 volumes, but they believe they will have to fill another 40 volumes before everything is listed.

Paintings, Gems, Arms

Approximately 15,000 objects will be put on sale. Their variety is staggering. They represent every phase of art from the earliest antiquity to the 19th century, and almost every race and nation that has contributed anything to art.

In addition to paintings they include jewellery, pottery, manuscripts,

Mr. Hearst has been disposing of his possessions since 1937, when he sent anonymously some of his old silver to Sotheby's. It brought more than £21,000. In the following year at Christie's more than £41,000 was paid for Hearst silver.

He Led First Raid On Kiel

"Scottie" is dead. "Scottie," who led the first flight of bombers in the first R.A.F. raid on Germany in this war. This was the raid on warships in the Kiel Canal on September 4, 1939, the day after war was declared.

The Air Ministry has announced that Acting Squadron Leader William Scott, reported missing earlier, is now presumed killed.

Scott was an old boy and athlete of King's Norton Grammar School, near Birmingham; his home was at Kingsley Green, King's Norton.

The week-end after the raid, Scott, then a twenty-seven-year-old flight-lieutenant, said: "We took the Germans completely by surprise."

Dutch in East Indies Watch Japanese Moves

By John M. Raleigh
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

BATAVIA, Apr. 15 (UP).—Recent events in the Far East have produced repercussions in the NEI unrivalled since the German invasion of Holland.

Previously the Dutch press and general opinion could have been labelled "mild" towards Japan, but since the Japanese Foreign Minister's startling statement questioning whether the Dutch Government in London held full power of administration over the Netherlands East Indies, a new attitude of determination has become evident.

The average Dutchman here realises that danger to the north has not become a thing of the past, though at present matters appear fairly calm on the surface.

"We believe that the day is coming—and soon—when we will have to defend our birthright here in the Indies," say many prominent Dutchmen all over the archipelago.

Frank Objections

The Dutch and native press, taking their cue from public feeling everywhere, have adopted a rigorous platform of frank expression concerning Japanese policies in China and the mediation conferences held in Tokyo between French Indo-China and Thailand.

The Netherlands Indian paper "Locomotief" recently commented: "The Netherlands Indies holds the same objections to a Japanese drive southwards as England and the United States. If Japan became Singapore's neighbour through the mediation in Tokyo, we should consider this highly dangerous in every sense of the word."

Businessmen from Batavia, who have been ordered home by their concerns, have remarked upon how flagrantly the Japanese press derides the NEI. Another matter arousing considerable attention are reports that Tokyo's German Embassy now has a staff of more than three hundred.

Japan Closely Watched

Japan's movements are being closely watched by the Dutch Government here, and though most authoritative sources believe that trouble is not as imminent as it was a few weeks ago, few think that the Indies have been left out of Japanese plans for the future.

"We were caught unprepared once!" said a high official, "but that will not happen again!"

This attitude is reflected in the press here. Where hitherto the Indies have remained quiet, now they have advanced far enough in their preparations for all eventualities to speak up and let covetous neighbours understand that they will tolerate no overt moves to the south.

Mr Watson's Secret Was "About 65"

Mr Basil Watson, K.C., North London's quick-fused, quick-decision magistrate, died in London recently after collapsing in his room at the court the previous night.

He had one secret he would never reveal—his age. But he was about sixty-five. He was over age when he joined the Irish Guards at the outbreak of the last war. That would mean he was in the neighbourhood of forty.

When it was found he was over age, he persuaded the authorities to allow him to go to France and fought in the trenches.

Decided Views

Mr Watson was boxer, cricketer, soldier, author, animal lover and a man of very decided views which sometimes caused hostile criticism—particularly his "war" on speeding which he declared in 1930. He was also severe on black-out offences.

Here are some of his views:—On black-out offences: "I saw in the last war, more often than I wish to remember, the effect of high explosives. I am determined that no child in this district shall be killed in an air raid owing to the carelessness of grown-up people."

On "brainstorm" pleas: "I am sick of these brainstorms. They never help the other side. They only help the fellow in the dock."

On cycle thefts: "This is a particularly cruel form of theft because the bicycle is the poor man's motor-car."

Negro Who Challenged Goering

"COLONEL" HUBERT FAUNTLEROY JULIAN, the Negro aviator who played a saxophone while making a parachute descent, is reported to have signed on for the Royal Canadian Air Force as an instructor for ferry-pilots.

In 1930, Julian was appointed chief of the Abyssinian Air Force, though that Force consisted of only three out-of-date machines. He left the service of Haile Selassie after he had crashed the Emperor's personal aeroplane.

"Colonel" Julian challenged Goering last September to meet him in air combat over the English Channel. The challenge was not accepted.

Major-Gen. Percival Is New G.O.C., Malaya

A CHANGE in the Malaya Command has been announced by General Headquarters (Far East). Lieut-Gen. L. V. Bond, C.B., will shortly leave Malaya to take up an appointment in the United Kingdom. The post of General Officer Commanding, Malaya, will be taken over by Major-Gen. A. E. Percival, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

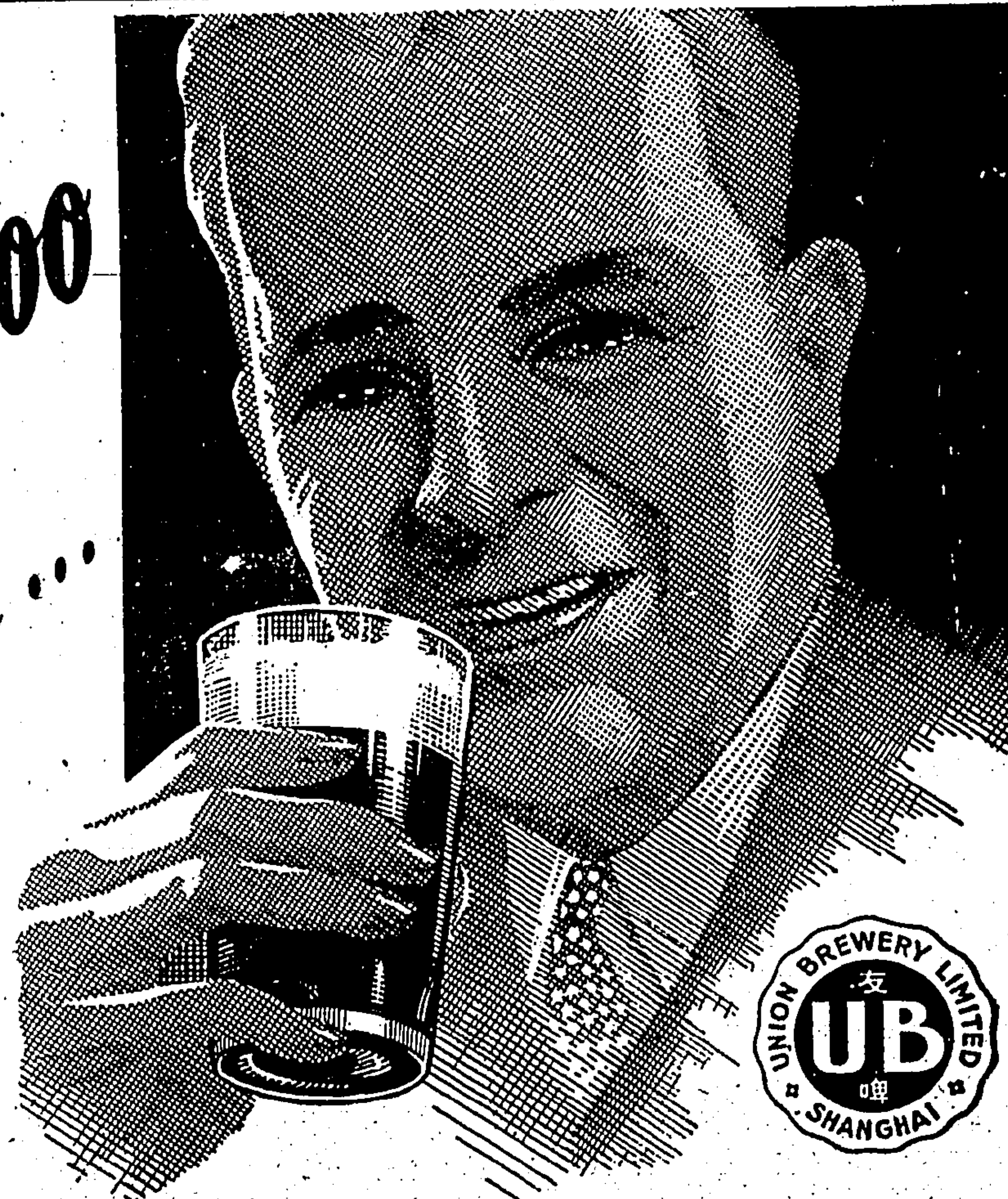
Major-Gen. Percival served as General Staff Officer, First Grade, at Malaya Command headquarters from 1936 to 1938. In 1938, he went to Britain to become G.S.O. 1 to Gen. Sir John Dill, who was then commanding the First Division at Aldershot.

On the outbreak of war, Major-Gen. Percival went to France with the B.E.F. Since Dunkirk he has commanded the 44th Division in Britain.

He commanded the 7th Battalion, the Bedfordshire Regiment, throughout the last year of that war. In September 1924 he was transferred to the Cheshire Regiment as a major.

Wounded and three times mentioned in dispatches, he has a clasp to his D.S.O., the O.B.E., M.C., and the French Croix de Guerre.

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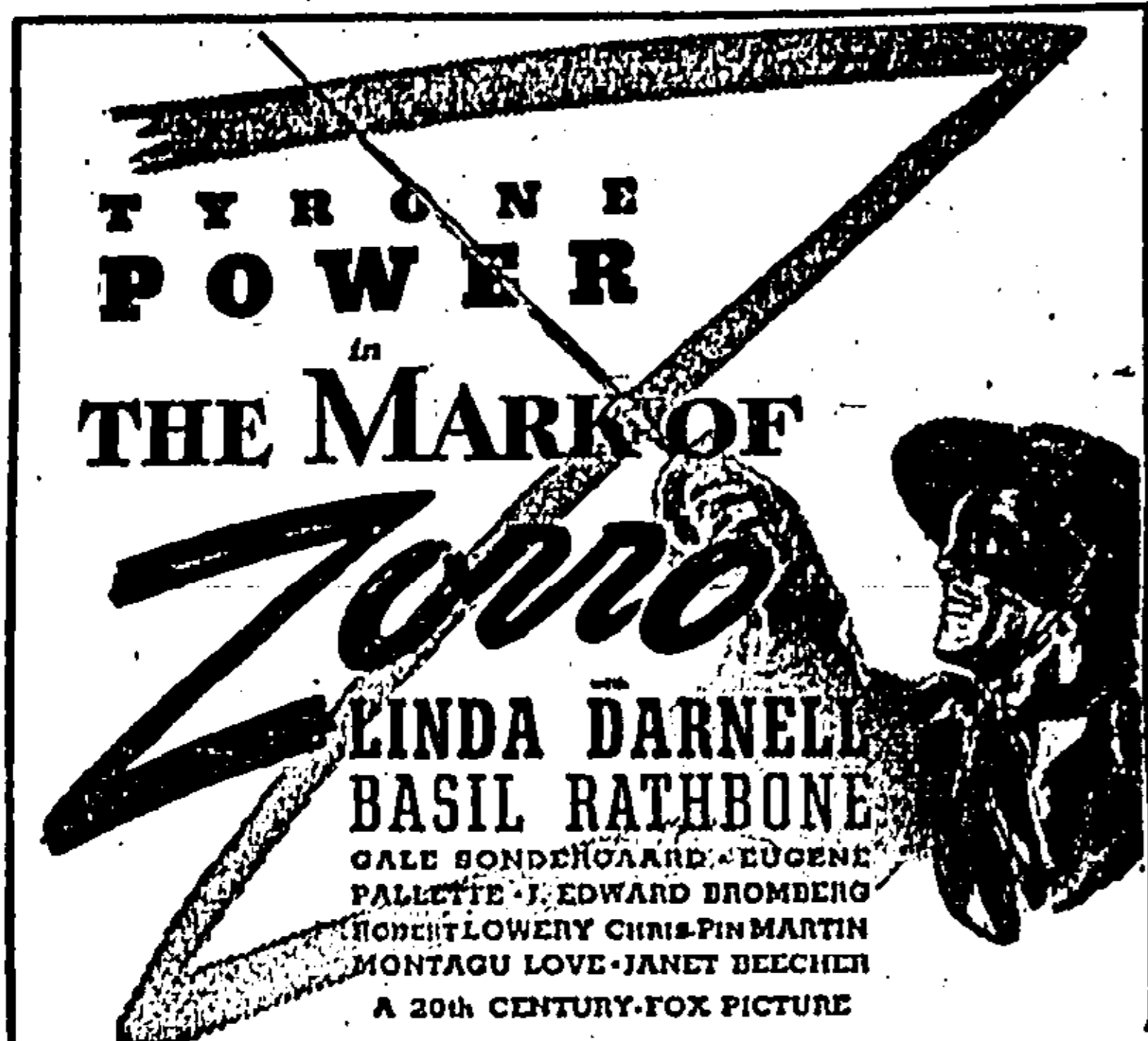
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Why Libyan Campaign Backfired

British Alternatives

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—In a special commentary in the "Yorkshire Post", their military correspondent says that "the point whether we should have completed the conquest of Libya by going through to Tripoli will be an argument even when the war is over."

Libya did not stand alone, however, as the Germans had decided to aid Italy by entering the Balkan campaign while large forces were still encrossed in East Africa.

"Our choice of action had to be made from the following:

- (1) To accept the German challenge in the Balkans,
- (2) to race against the rains in Abyssinia to conquer the country and obtain the use of troops now there,
- (3) to concentrate on two African campaigns and give the Germans a walk-over in the Balkans down to the Mediterranean.

Athens Is Saved

Had we decided on the third course, the Germans would now have been in Athens. We surely did the right thing in deciding on the first, and taking a risk in Libya and adjusting matters there by quickly releasing troops after the East African conquest.

"Such adjustment was and is possible, but had we let the German Balkans challenge go by the board, or have hesitated to liquidate the East African recovery, there would have been hard work for a year or more ahead."

Halifax Explains

NEW YORK, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Commenting on the war situation, Lord Halifax to-day said, "It has been necessary to withdraw from Libya to new positions and although we suffered loss in doing this, we have made the enemy pay dearly for his advance."

Adding that the stream of reinforcements of men and material was steadily flowing into that theatre of war, Lord Halifax said that this process was "greatly helped" by President Roosevelt's action in opening the Red Sea to American shipping.

Pointing out that the R.A.F. was "an incomparably more formidable instrument than a few months ago," Lord Halifax continued that history of the struggle at sea since the war began gave every reason to believe that the strength of our sea power is undiminished and, in the end, will play the largest part in bringing down the pillars of the Nazi temple.

Death Sentence For Corruption

CHUNGKING, Apr. 16 (Central News).—Chang Wan-hsiang, chief traffic inspector in Kweiyang, was recently court-martialled and sentenced to death on charges of bribery and extortion.

Hsu Pei-ling, and Yu Sui-hsing, traffic inspectors, and Kung Chieh-sheng, traffic officer, were sentenced to imprisonment on similar charges.

Royal Air Force Smash Sofia

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machine-gun bullet attack on a long conveyer, near Sofia, when one lorry burst into flames, another suddenly overturned and completely blocked the road, while a third crashed into a ditch.

Two sergeant pilots took two bombers over Sofia on Sunday night and reported large fires and explosions in the marshalling yards. A direct hit on a munitions train tossed one plane about like a leaf and almost blinded the pilot.

LIBYA SITUATION

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vehicles were destroyed or damaged in this area, too.

R.A.F. losses in these operations were three fighters and one bomber. Tripoli, the main base of German reinforcements in Libya, was again heavily raided on Monday night, and as on Sunday, bombs straddled shipping in the harbour. One vessel was seen burning fiercely while others must have suffered damage.

Col Knox Testifies

WASHINGTON, 15 (Reuter).—"We are now in the midst of the decisive period of this world war," declared the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox giving evidence before the House of Representatives' Naval Affairs Committee on the question of the labour situation and defence.

He said, "I see my country being gradually encircled and isolated and, should disaster come to those actually engaged in this war, I see this nation surrounded by nations who have made known how they feel about our nation and our institutions."

Roosevelt Marriage

Hollywood, Apr. 14. James Roosevelt and Nurse Ronald Schneider were married to-day. The civil ceremony was witnessed by the First Lady (Mrs F. D. Roosevelt).—United Press.

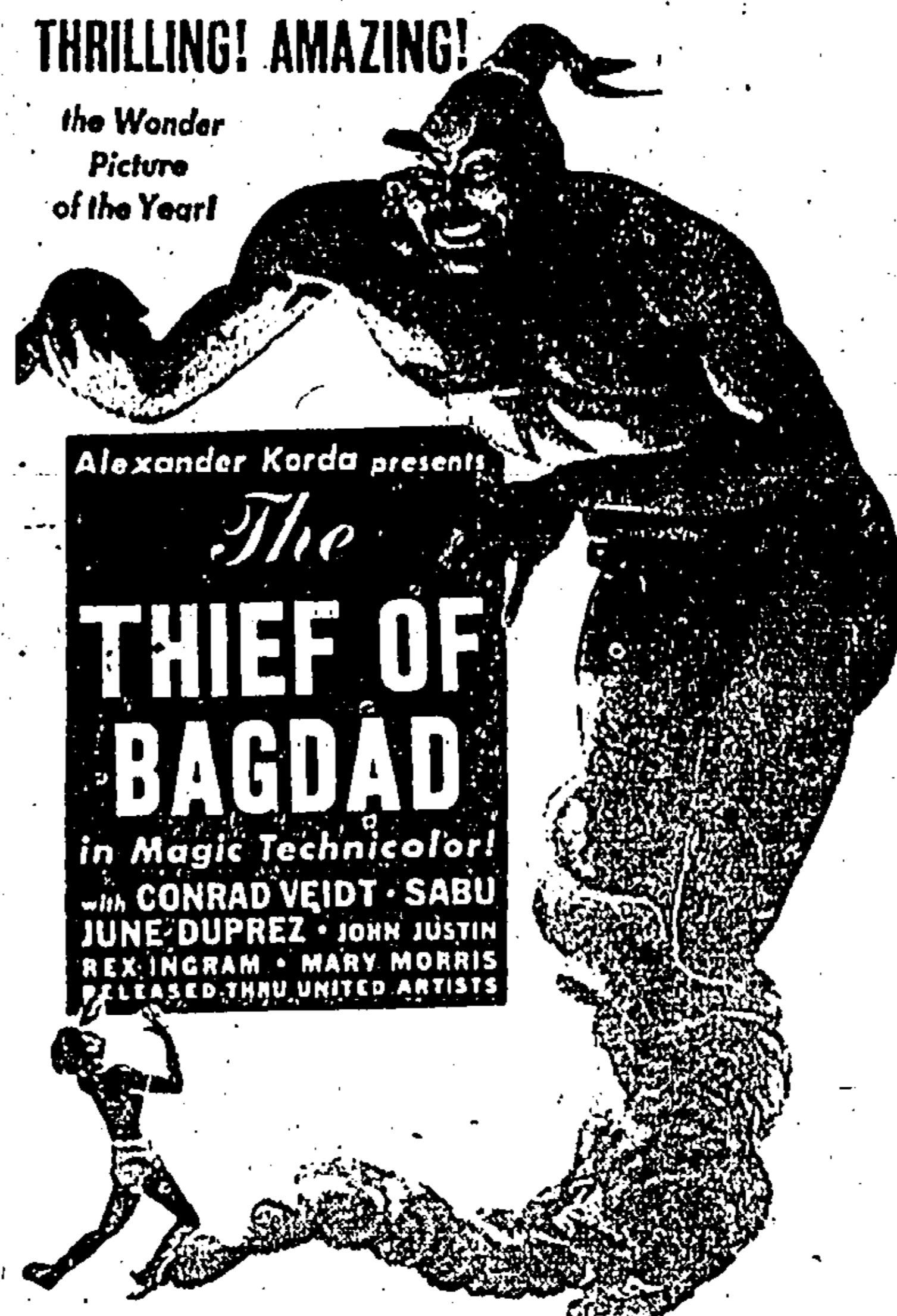


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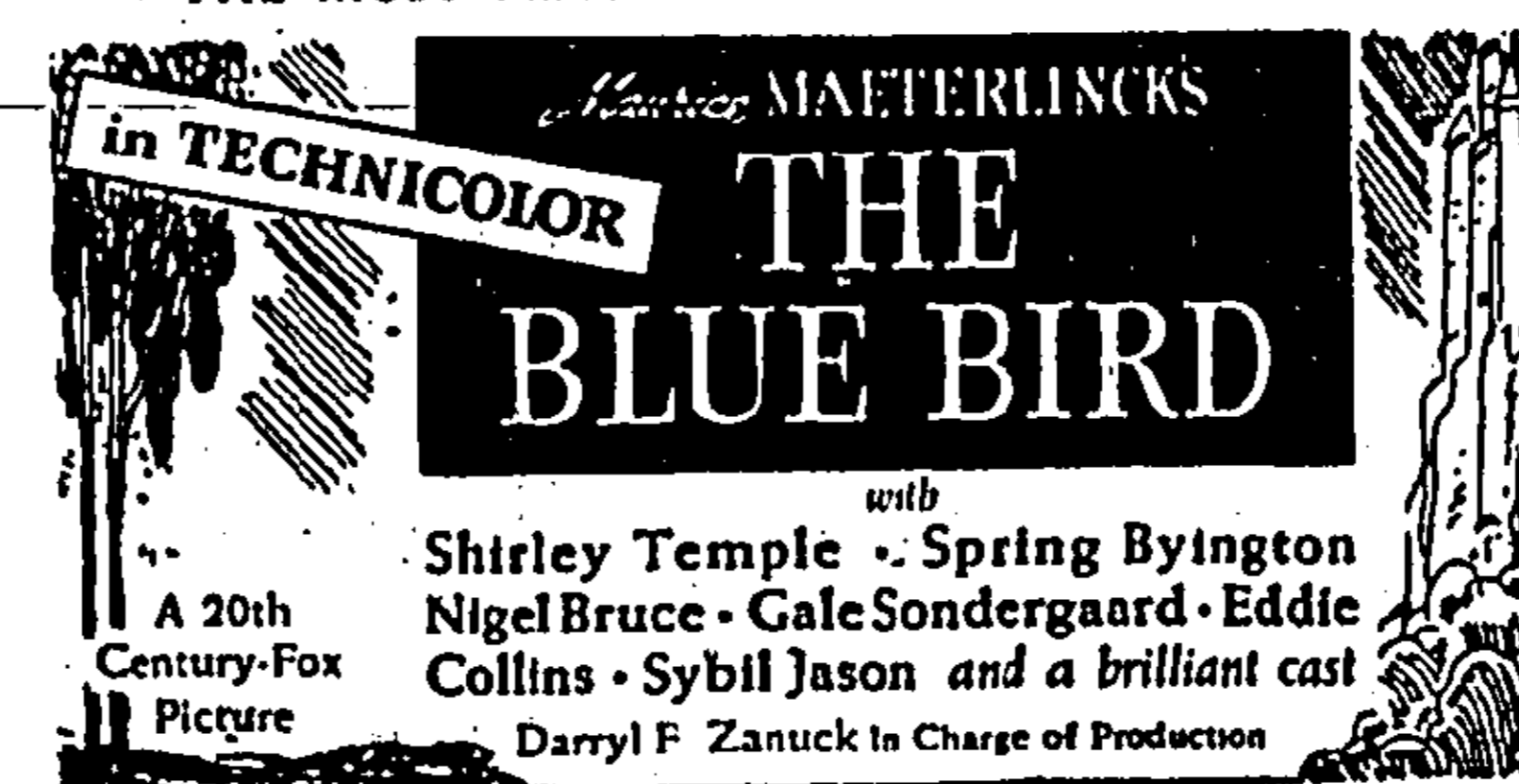
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Their departure is held up for a ruling on several questions regarding their personal position. They want to be sure, for instance, that they will not forfeit their American nationality.

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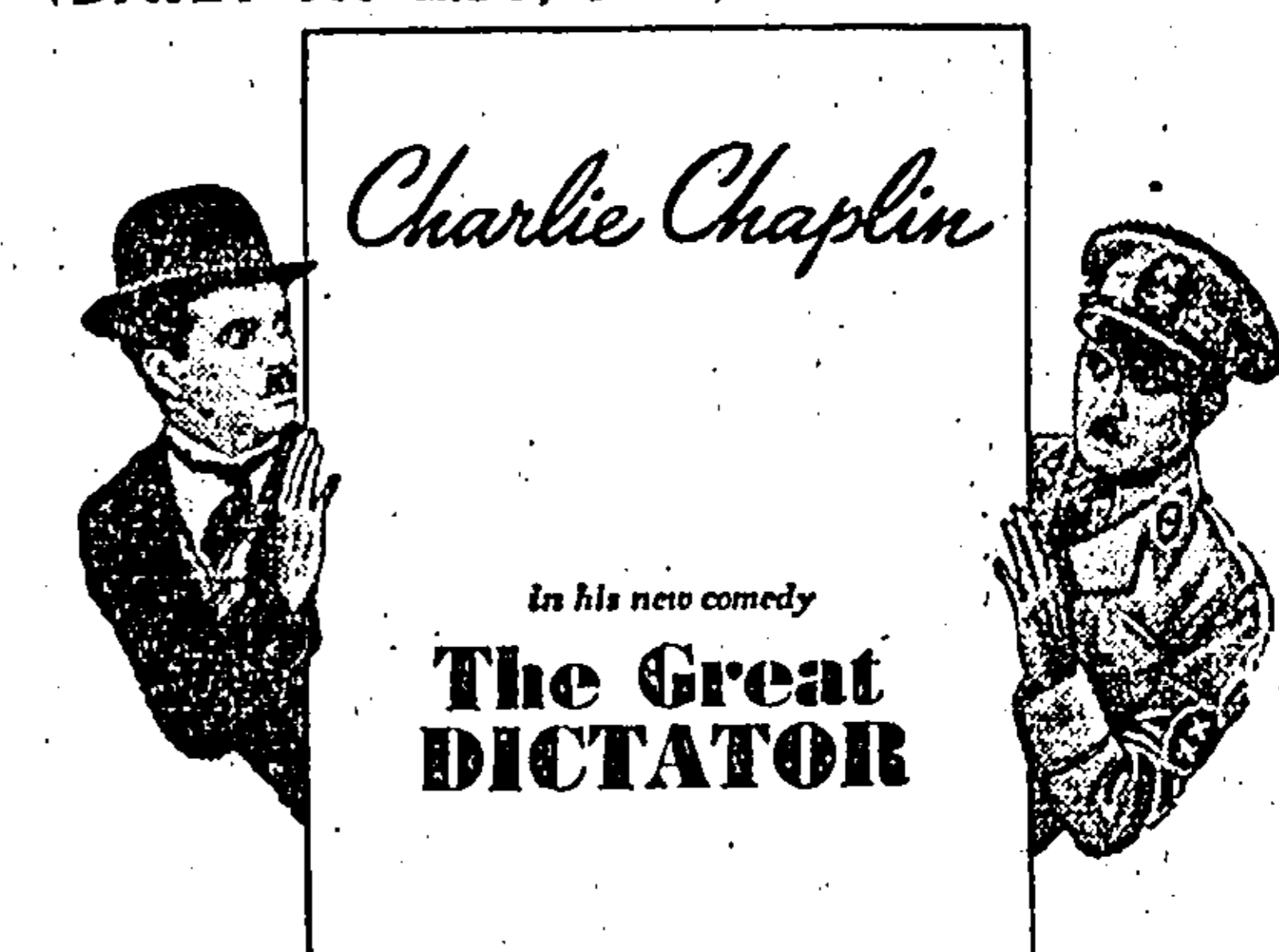
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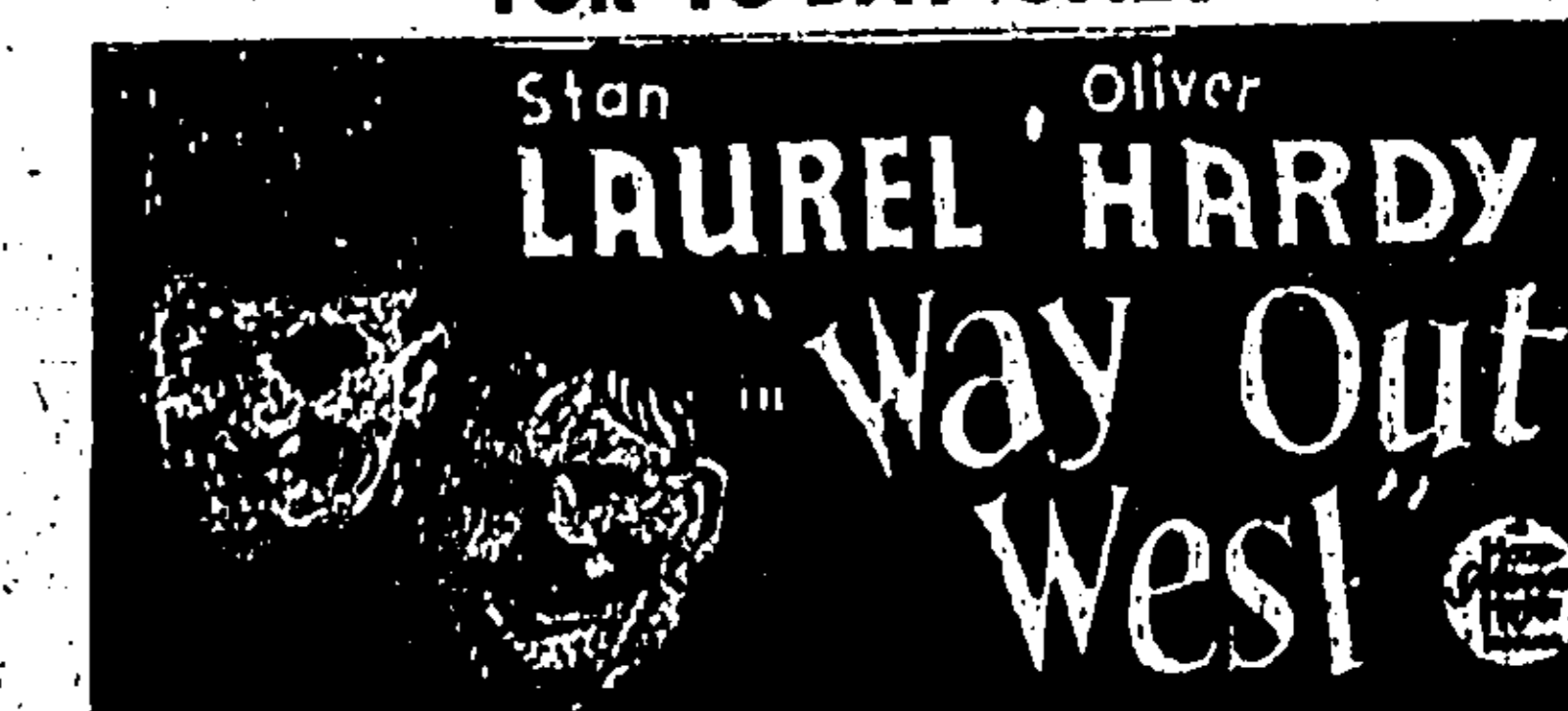
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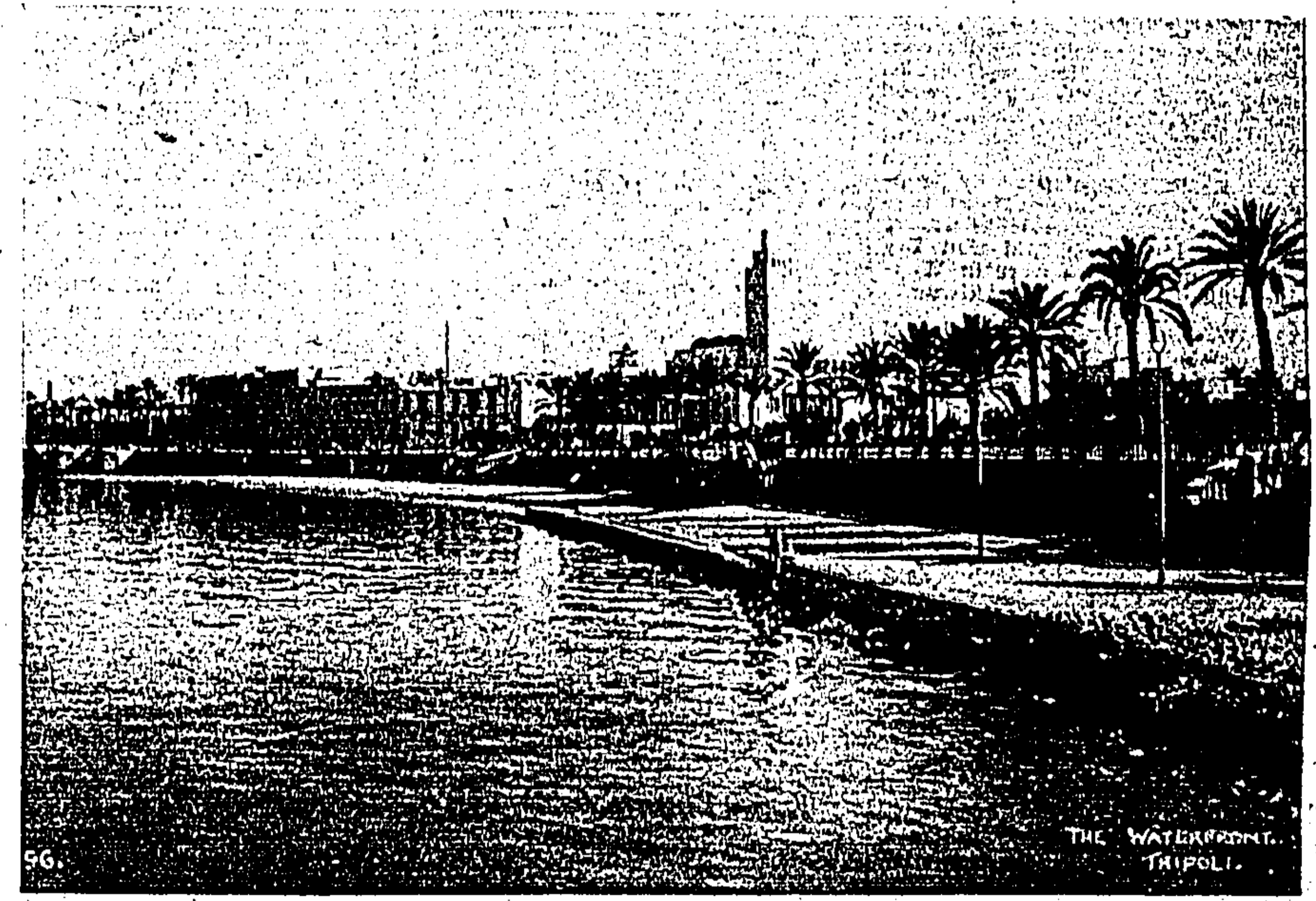
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NAZI ATTEMPT TO ENCIRCLE BRITISH & GREEK DEFENCES Using Famed “Scythe” Movement

Special to the “Telegraph”

LONDON, APRIL 15 (UP).—THE GERMANS APPEARED TO HAVE EMBARKED ON THE CLASSICAL SCHLEIFFEN (SCYTHE SWEEP) MANOEUVRE IN GREECE, AS THE GREEK AND GERMAN COMMUNIQUE INDICATE THAT THE ENEMY IS TRYING TO DRIVE THROUGH THE GREEK LEFT FLANK. THE GREEKS WITHDREW FROM THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF ALBANIA AND ABANDONED KORITZA WITH THE RESULT THAT THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN YUGO-SLAVIA IS GIVING THE ENEMY ACCESS TO THE PASSES TO THE GREEK FLANKS AND REAR.

Important Mark For R.A.F. Bombers
Tripoli, it is revealed, has become the chief base for the Nazi and Italian supplies of men and materials in their drive against Egypt. Because of this Tripoli is being constantly attacked by the R.A.F., and considerable damage is reported to the harbour. This picture shows the water front at Tripoli.



SERBS RECOVER TERRITORY Trap Mechanised Column

Special to the “Telegraph”

Somewhere in Yugo-Slavia, Apr. 15 (UP).—One week after the war started with the terrible bombing of Belgrade and an attack on southeastern Yugo-Slavia that reached Skopje, the situation appears to have improved according to available information.

The German claims of the capture of Ptolemais and Kozane indicate that they are driving south-west to cut off the Greek forces before they reach the rear and while they are retiring from Albania in a new continuous line of defence adjacent to the British.

The purpose of the German flank drive seems to be to move to the rear and then start a circular movement against the Anglo-Greek armies forcing them to retire in order to escape encirclement, thus re-enacting the race through Flanders and northern France to trap the Anglo-French armies.

Killed Leaving Hospital Terrorism In S'hai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Mr Chang Yang-yi, accountant of Wang Ching-wei's Federal Reserve Bank, was shot dead this morning in the French Concession while preparing to leave a Chinese hospital where he had been an inmate for the past month recovering from a wound sustained at the hands of terrorists.

Six armed Chinese invaded the hospital this morning and killed him on the spot.

Netherlands Gift Of Bombers

BATAVIA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The latest step in the Netherlands East Indies' plans to present the Netherlands Government in Great Britain with eight bombers as requested by Prince Bernhard—of which seven have already been contributed—will be an issue of a special series of “Free Netherlands” stamps, which will be sold for a small surplus above the postal value.

It is hoped that at least one bomber can be bought from the total sum expected to be raised by the surplus. There is good reason to believe that the East Indies will present even more than the eight bombers requested, as further donations continue to pour in.

Kenya Murder Trial

NAIROBI, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Sir Dolven Broughton has been committed for trial on a charge of murdering Lord Erroll.

PANZERS DRIVE A WEDGE British & Greeks Fall Back

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

ATHENS, Apr. 15 (UP).—The Greek High Command to-day admitted that German panzer units have driven a wedge in the northern defence line and clashed with the British and Greek forces—50 miles inside Greece where there is fighting in the Ptolemais area. Statista is threatened.

It appears that the Germans are pushing towards the second defence line between Iomanina and Larissa.

Lies Repudiated
Authoritative military circles in London said the Axis propaganda has already started talking about the withdrawal of Imperial troops from Greece but “obviously there could be no truth to the fantastic reports since it is already announced from Athens that fresh troops are being sent to reinforce those already there.”

They asserted: “While the general situation in the Mediterranean is regarded as being serious, it is not considered grave and there are several satisfactory aspects to it. There is no cause for gloom over the position at Tobruk where our forces could fight their way out if they wanted to, or could be evacuated by sea. Where they are, they represent a serious menace to the German lines of communication.”

Pass Occupied
NEW YORK, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—German forces are reported to have broken through a section of the Anglo-Greek front in northern Greece and to have occupied a pass in the Statista area. This pass is stated to command some easier-going and low-lying ground.

*The source of this news is not stated.

R.A.F. attacks on German convoys in the Janitza, Kozane, Ptolemais, Gornu and Djumay regions indicate increased German pressure in the southwest flank drive.

Greek Admission
SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—The Columbia Broadcasting Company's correspondent at Ankara said that the Germans have cut in behind Mount Olympus which is defended by Graeco-British forces. “The Germans expect to capture the British troops which are hemmed in between Mount Olympus and the sea,” he declared. “The Greeks admit that their front line, which stretches for 150 miles from the Adriatic to the Aegean Sea, cannot be held for one day. The Greeks are now rapidly withdrawing their troops from Albania to positions in Thessalonika.”

SHOTS FIRED IN S'HAJ STRIKE Police Among Injured

SHANGHAI, Apr. 16 (Reuter).—Police were reported compelled to open fire this morning in order to quell a serious riot in the Ewo Cotton mill in the Yangtseepoo area. Twenty strikers are reported injured, and thirty arrested. Many police were also hurt. The injured include five foreigners, some Japanese and a couple of Indians. They are only slightly hurt except for a British sergeant Phins, who is said to be in rather a serious condition. The strikers, who attacked with iron bars, were only subdued when the police opened fire. A Japanese military detachment is now among the large force of police guarding the mill.

LATEST

Alarming T.B. Incidence

While there are encouraging signs that the cholera epidemic is on the wane (only eight cases reported during the past 24 hours), the incidence of tuberculosis has again become alarming. Seventy-seven cases were registered in the last 24 hours, making the total for the year 2,012. It is also revealed that during the week ending April 12, there were 183 new cases of tuberculosis reported in the Colony. Of the latest returns, 48 came from Kowloon, 23 from Victoria, three from the New Territories and one from Aberdeen.

See Back Page For Further Late News

Royal Air Force Smash Sofia And Attack German Columns

CAIRO, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Aiming at the dislocation of German communication at Sofia, the R.A.F. raided the Bulgarian capital on Sunday night. Main goods stations, marshalling yards and warehouses were the chief targets. Many fires were started in the goodsyards where two trucks sustained direct hits and blew up with a detonation that suggested that they contained explosives.

Tokyo Press Exasperated By N. E. I.

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”
TOKYO, Apr. 16 (UP).—The “Kokumin Shimbun” charging that the British and American representatives had discussed joint aggression against Japan demanded in an editorial this morning that Japan terminate the Netherlands East Indies trade negotiations, adding, “and questions between the two countries should be settled once and for all.” It asserted that the N.E.I. authorities' attitude is opportunistic and that American and British efforts to block Japan's approach towards the N.E.I. are delaying negotiations.

NIGHT RAID ON BRITAIN IS INEFFECTIVE

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”
LONDON, Apr. 16 (UP).—The first bombing incidents to be reported from throughout Britain up to an early hour this morning was when heavy high explosive bombs crashed on a south coast town during intermittent raids. No serious damage was done. After a long lull, high flying planes were heard over the London area and were hotly engaged by anti-aircraft guns. Raiders were also reported over northern Ireland.

South African Troops

PRETORIA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—“The South African military force” are now likely to have the opportunity of serving in Africa beyond East Africa and Abyssinia, said the Department of Defence statement to-day, calling for recruits for all branches of the defence forces.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

CANBERRA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Australia is to raise £35,000,000 (Australian) loan of which £27,000,000 will be for war purposes, and the remainder for public works including electric railways. The loan will be issued in two sections, one short term bearing interest at 2½ per cent. the other long term at 3½ per cent.

WORKLESS IN BRITAIN

—Latest Figures

LONDON, Apr. 15 (British Wireless).—The number of men and boys registered at employment exchanges in Britain as wholly unemployed on March 17 was 172,600, a decrease of 44,886 as compared with February 10. This total of 30,408 had been classified as unsuitable for ordinary industrial employment, 34,015 temporarily stopped, and 619 unemployed casual workers. As compared with February 10 the numbers of wholly unemployed showed a decrease of 39,781, those temporarily stopped a decrease of 10,803, and unemployed casual workers a decrease of 135.

FOUR SLAIN IN MINE BRAWL

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

MIDDLESEBORO, Ky. Apr. 15 (UP).—Four men were slain and seven wounded in a clash between 200 men and non-union miners at the Fork Ridge Coal and Coke Company's mine here to-day. The dead are C. W. Rhodes, President of the Company; E. W. Silvers, Vice-President and Treasurer; Bob Robinson a Deputy Sheriff and Sam Evans, a miner.

Skilful Greek Withdrawal From Albania: No Loss Of Equipment

ATHENS, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Details of the Greek evacuation of the north sector on the Albanian front announced here show that it was carried out with precision and in perfect secrecy, the Greeks taking away all material and artillery, and destroying bridges.

The process of evacuation lasted three days. Yesterday the Italians became aware of it and advanced into the Koritza region. Small Greek covering forces were able to retreat themselves without the loss of a single man to the enemy.

The withdrawal has unified the Anglo-Greek defence lines which for the most part now consist of territory regarded as very difficult for mechanised columns.

Not Evacuating

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that there is no truth in the reports that the British are contemplating an evacuation of Greece.

German Claims

LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—The German claims that they have occupied Kozane indicated that the British and Greek troops may have straightened out the salient by withdrawing about 30 miles from the Adriatic to the Aegean Sea.

vanced positions which, it is believed, they held previously in the Edessa-Florina region.

The Germans have repeatedly bombed Kozane from the start of the Greek campaign, indicating that it is probably an important advance base of the Anglo-Greek armies.

Kozane is situated behind the original Allied salient from Tevelini through Florina to K-Verini, covering the Hellenic mainland from the Adriatic to the Aegean Sea.

Another U.S. Bomber On Way To Singapore

Special to the “Telegraph”

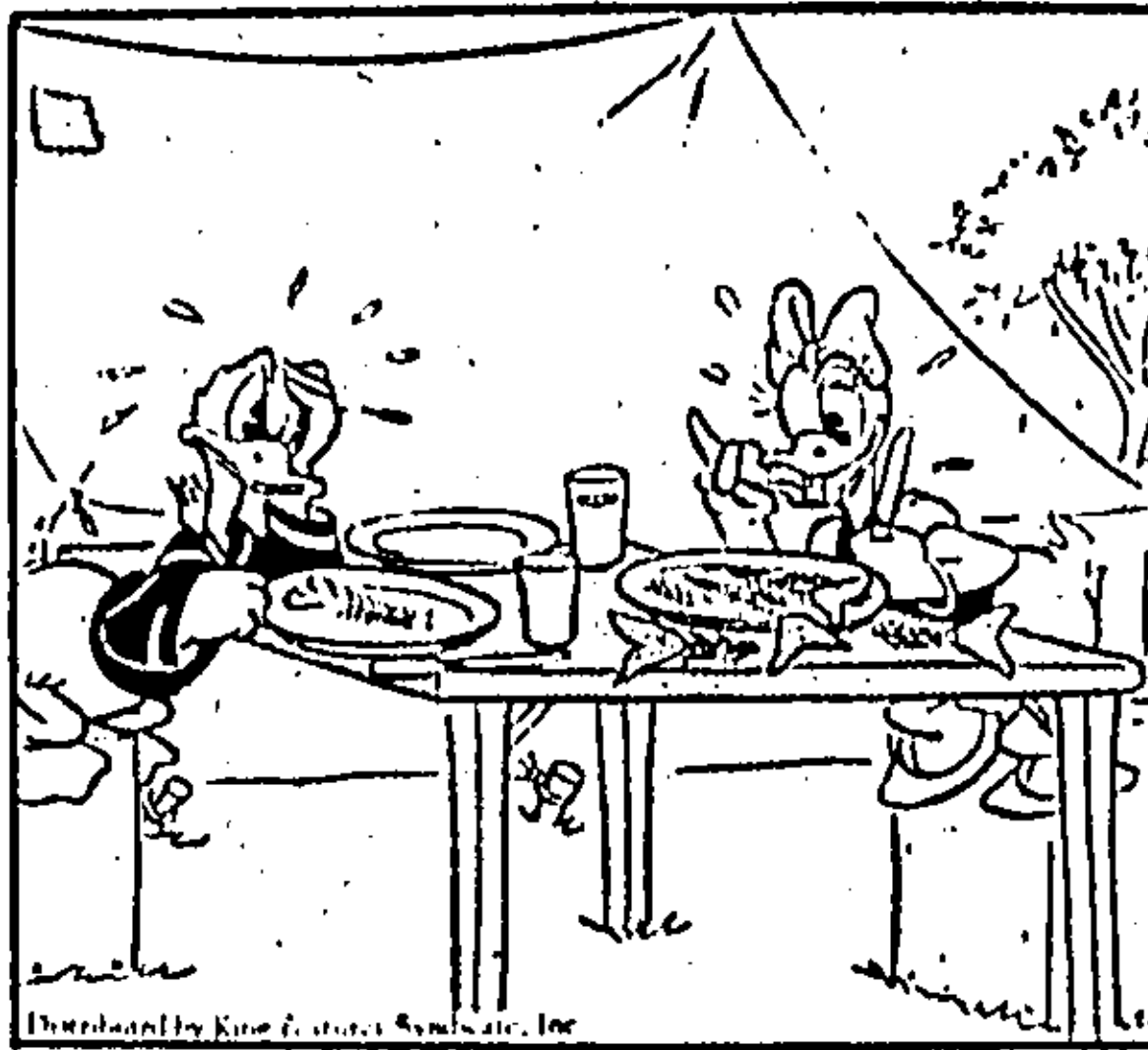
MANILA, Apr. 16 (UP).—The second consolidated bomber arrived here apparently enroute to Singapore. It was disclosed that Clyde Pangborn and Bert Balchen, noted trans-Atlantic pilots, flew the camouflaged bombers to Manila, and it is expected that British crews will take them over for the remainder of the trip, while the Americans return to the States by Clipper.

Famed Flyer

Clyde Pangborn was the first pilot to make a non-stop trans-Pacific flight with Hugh Herndon in 1930 and has recently been engaged in ferrying United States built bombers to Britain across the Atlantic.

Bert Balchen was chief pilot of the Byrd expedition to the south pole in 1932. The pilots are engaged in flying aircraft with civil status, for the Canadian Pacific Air Service.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Famous
- 2—Transparent
- 3—Mexican state
- 4—Supplies saw end
- 5—Arm-pit
- 6—Foreigner
- 7—Worthless thing
- 8—French article
- 9—Schemer
- 10—Universal tongue
- 11—Sea in Turkish
- 12—Supply with crew
- 13—Pretzel
- 14—Vicinity
- 15—Yearly
- 16—Western Indian
- 17—Embryo
- 18—Obvious
- 19—Proceeds under steam power
- 20—Frog
- 21—Eagle
- 22—Glean
- 23—One
- 24—College student in last year (pl.)
- 25—Herald
- 26—Spanish priest
- 27—Years of life
- 28—English poet
- 29—Herd

DOWN

- 1—Spanish dance
- 2—South American linguistic stock
- 3—Proced
- 4—Daughter of Hierodius
- 5—Part of name of famous marrying place
- 6—Unadorned
- 7—Near
- 8—Title of respect
- 9—Ancient Greek city
- 10—Evergreen shrub
- 11—Philippine negro
- 12—Chinese horse (slang)
- 13—Texas police
- 14—Sharp
- 15—Things of small value
- 16—Leonard
- 17—Openwork fabric
- 18—Holy song
- 19—Vividly
- 20—Tent-pole
- 21—Rotten in sleep
- 22—Feeding trough
- 23—Flaw suddenly
- 24—Free
- 25—Epic poetry
- 26—Nevada city
- 27—Beverage
- 28—Metric measure
- 29—Note of scale
- 30—Abraham's birth place

Most Ambitious Woman in Europe

COUNTESS EDDA CIANO, Mussolini's eldest daughter, who has given birth to three children and the Rome-Berlin Axis during eleven years of married life, is seeing her dreams of a great new Roman Empire go up in smoke from the charred ruins in Africa.

She has stumped Europe for the last five years—wearing the family diplomatic trousers—the most ambitious woman in Europe.

Her personal vanity has influenced great events.

In Rome the women who dislike her aggressive ways blame her for the present war.

Countess Ciano is Mussolini's favourite child. She is different from the podgy Vittorio and Bruno, the fine-weather flyers who machine-gunned Ethiopian tribesmen, and Romano and Anna Maria, the younger children. So different that the report has been long current in European capitals—that her mother was a Russian woman Socialist who captivated the labour agitator who was later to rule Italy.

Her age is doubtful.

At the time of her marriage in April 1930 it was given as 19.

Cold-Shouldered

SIX years ago Edda was cold-shouldered by London. Official receptions and dinner parties were given for her. She went to Ascot for the Hunt Cup. She did a little sight-seeing. But Mayfair turned fur-coated backs to the visitor. She went back to Rome disgruntled.

She had been made much of by English people during a previous trip to India. The Viceroy, Lord Halifax, then Lord Irwin, had entertained her.

But the heart of the British Empire had not stirred at her arrival. And she did not like it.

A year later, in fateful 1936, she went to Berlin.

Hitler invited her to dinner. She sat on his right hand.

Ribbentrop, Goering, and Goebbels attended another banquet given for her. She became very friendly with the Goerings, who did her the



Edda—Mother of the Axis

honour of christening one of their children after her.

Big, blond Nordic es-corts flattered her.

Hitler gave her a signed photograph.

Rudolf Hess handed out long explanations about German-Italian co-operation and painted pictures of a new world order.

Previous Italian relations with Germany had been distinctly cool.

Edda stayed a month in Berlin, and the Nazi chiefs continued to treat her with rather more respect than they would have paid to a princess. She held long conversations with serious-minded Hess.

Then she went home... Four months later her husband signed the Axis Treaty with Germany.

"Edda was the mother," said the Berlin wits. "Hess was the father by proxy."

MUSSOLINI'S dictate that a woman's place is in the home is contradicted every day of the year by Edda's activities.

She has given the State two future soldier sons and one housewife-to-be, but unlike

the Queen, the Crown Princess and Mrs Mussolini herself she has always had a will of her own to defy father.

Italians believe that she is the only person in the world, since her uncle Arnaldo Mussolini died, who can in the slightest way affect Mussolini's decisions.

She does not admit it.

Once she was asked if she would like to be his secretary. "I can help my father best by tenderness," she replied. "I am interested in music and sculpture. Politics leave me indifferent. In the Duce I see only the man who is my father."

To these remarks Rome socialites use the phrase with which Edda herself surprised Sir Eric Drummond, the British Ambassador—"Aw! Boloney!"

She picked that up in Shanghai. That and less polite American slang.

At one time Mussolini planned to marry her off to the Crown Prince.

But that gentleman did not share the Dictator's enthusiasm and so Edda, after a spell under a strict English governess and another at the smartest girls' school in Italy—from which she once ran away—married instead young Ciano.

The Facts...

GALEZZO CIANO then was chiefly known as the son of his father, who was Mussolini's right-hand man.

The father, now dead, had been chosen by the Fascist Supreme Council as his successor, should one be needed. He was a man once of small fortune but died one of the richest men in Italy.

The younger Ciano, after a spell as man about town and another as gossip writer for a little-known Italian newspaper, was slowly rising in the Fascist scale. He went to Shanghai after his marriage, but it was not long before he returned to become in due course Foreign Minister.

His wife still professed her indifference to politics.

"Women," she said, "should not interfere in politics. Their function in Fascist Italy is to have children and live a home life."

But she did come home from London annoyed with the English.

She did come home from Berlin charmed with the Germans.

The Axis was born shortly afterwards.

There are more ways than one of taking part in diplomacy. Perhaps it is a pity that the British Foreign Office, unlike the elephant, sometimes forgets that.

Cruiser Sunk

New British Loss

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—An Admiralty communique issued to-day states the British cruiser Bonaventure was torpedoed and sunk while escorting a convoy. The vessel was of 5,450 tons and was completed in 1940. She is the fourth cruiser to be sunk, the others being the Eppingham, Southampton and Calypso. The Bonaventure was armed with 10 5.25 inch guns; six torpedo tubes, one catapult aeroplane and had a complement of 400 officers and men. "Reuter" reports that a British submarine sank an enemy tanker bound for a port in occupied France.

BLAZE RENDERS
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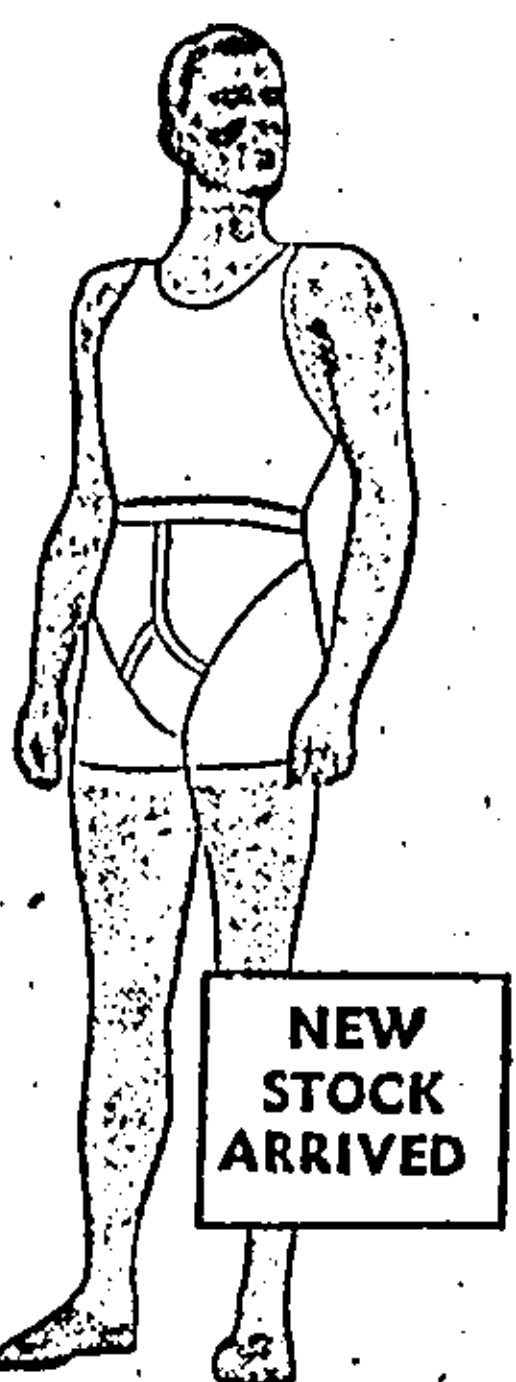
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Apr. 15 (UP).—A fire last night razed 1,000 straw huts in Shanghai's western area outside the settlement, making some 6,000 persons homeless, mostly poverty stricken Chinese. Seven fire engines from three stations battled the blaze for five hours.

Wild Dog Pups Taken At Shek-O

While shooting parties have been scouring Hongkong hills for a sight of the wild dog pack which has frequently been reported on the east side, Mr B. A. Hyder of Shaikwan claims to have two pups from a wild dog's lair in his home. Mr Hyder says the pups were given him by a grasscutter who was attracted by barking on the hillside at Shek-O. He approached the spot and made a noise whereupon he saw a bitch carrying a pup away. He found two other pups snuggled down in the grass and took these away.

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Hitler Carves Up
Territory

BERLIN, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Hitler has appointed Nazi civil administrators for German occupied Yugoslavia territories of lower Styria, Carinthia and Carniola, former Austrian territory incorporated in Yugoslavia after the last war. The civil administrators will be directly responsible to Hitler. The execution of military law remains in the hands of the army.

Idle Foreign
Ships In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Legislation authorizing the President during the present emergency to purchase, requisition or take possession of foreign merchantmen, lying idle in United States ports, was laid before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day by the Chairman, Senator George.

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THE RIVAL LOAVES

SINCE this is an all-in war, from the dangers of which not even the brass-hats are excluded, it is not surprising to learn that the white loaf in England has to be fortified. Many have contended for years that it stood badly in need of fortification—though to be fair it must be added that others have praised it as the summit of dietetic excellence.

But it seems to have been easier to put Britain in a state of complete defence after Dunkirk than to fortify the white loaf. Great Britain stands four-square to all the Nazi blasts or miasmata that may blow, but the ordinary loaf, wearing the white flour of a blameless (or, as some say, blameful) life, nevertheless still stands defenceless, and the Food Ministry cannot promise that it will be made impregnable for a few months yet. Apparently magic vitamins cannot be conjured into existence as rapidly as was expected or hoped.

In the meantime, the people are promised a new version of that brown loaf which for long has been fanatically favoured in some quarters. A desperate civil war seems to impend in the bread world, for the new brown is apparently to be a formidable fellow bristling with dietetic munitions, and ready to fly at his white rival on the slightest provocation or none at all. How bakers are to maintain peace in their establishments with all this belligerent material around is hard to tell.

The staff of life, it is hoped, will not become a sword, nor citizens be so busy giving one another the lie concerning the respective merits or demerits of the rival loaves that they will forget to fight the real cause of all the trouble—the Germans.

A NEW ATLANTIC ALLIANCE

by **George Slocombe**

The Famous Foreign Correspondent

IN the smoking-room of a modest club in London, an exiled King sits in conference with his Ministers.

When their Cabinet meeting is over, King and Ministers lunch together in the club dining-room—a tall, lean man surrounded by half-a-dozen others, who, from their robust and genial appearance, might be mistaken for master mariners.

He is King Haakon of Norway, and his Ministers are the Government of Free Norway.

Thirty-five years ago this simple and modest man was called to the throne of the most peaceful State in Europe.

For thirty-five years, while Europe lived in a turmoil of revolutions, industrial revolts, wars and political crises, Haakon stood at the helm of his ship of Vikings.

King And People

Leader of a nation of sailors, fishermen and peasants, he ruled over a vast, thinly populated, largely barren country of forests and fjords, stretching from the 58th parallel of latitude to the Arctic Circle.

Most of his country's wealth lay on the sea, in its great merchant fleet, and in the sea, in the cod fisheries and herring schools of the Northern waters.

His people were a people who counted few rich men, and hardly any poor, as we know poverty. They lived hardily and simply, in peace with their neighbours and with all the world.

During the world war of 1914-18 they maintained a severe neutrality. During the post-war years they worked indefatigably for the peace of Europe.

They believed ardently in the League of Nations. They believed in the permanence of their own neutrality.

They even tried, at the Oslo Conference, to erect neutrality into a permanent political instrument, by grouping together all the neutrals of Europe into a kind of minor League of Nations.

Neighbours

They were also one of the few States of northern Europe who did not regard the Soviet Union with hostility and growing distrust.

Russia had always been a good neighbour to Norway, even in the remotest Tsarist times—a better neighbour, in fact, than the Finns, which accounts for Norway's reluctance to take sides in the Russo-Finnish war last winter, and for her continued good relations with Moscow.

And after the last world war the Norwegians showed sympathy with the Weimar Republic of Germany, welcomed to their homes the children of starving German and Austrian families, worked hard for reconciliation and appeasement.

Disillusion

And then came the tragic disillusionment. At dawn on April 9, 1940, by a combination of treachery, surprise and intimidation never before displayed even by the Nazis, the Germans invaded Norway.

The German and Austrian children of the early post-war years had grown up into fanatical, Hitler-worshipping, Nazi storm troopers and death conspirators.

Speaking the Norwegian they had learned in the homes of their compassionate hosts, they crept into Norwegian harbours by stealth in the holds of merchant vessels, threw off the mask, and occupied Norway in the name of Hitler.

Haakon, to his eternal credit, refused to surrender. His ministers followed him.

Hitler's demand for the formation of a government under Major Quisling was rejected.

After the first stunning moment of surprise and confusion, Norwegian resistance began in the forests and villages of Northern and Central Norway. Allied troops were landed.

Then came the unparalleled series of disasters in the Low Countries and in France. The Allied troops were withdrawn to fight the more desperate battle at home.

Stubborn People

The King and his ministers took refuge in England. The second phase of Norway's resistance began—the underground phase at home; the naval phase abroad.

Norway's fortunes are now, as in the days of the Vikings, cast upon the waters. King Haakon still rules over a nation afloat. A great whaling fleet in the north, the Faroe Islands.

A merchant fleet fourth among the fleets of the world. Destroyers and submarines. A small air force.

Don't believe for a moment that Norway is entirely in the hands of the enemy. The northern part of the great peninsula is still unconquered, and it may be, unconquerable.

There are stubborn centres of resistance in those ice-covered mountains, those dark forests.

If Hitler invades Sweden, as he probably will sooner or later, as soon as Sweden is more useful to him occupied than unoccupied, it will be largely in order to march into conquered Norway through the narrow northern neck of the peninsula. And also, perhaps, to ensure his invasion troops and ports on the Norwegian coast from the possibility of surprise and guerilla warfare from the rear.

The war has radically changed Norway's foreign policy. The sterile and dangerous neutrality upon which she based her hopes of permanent peace has proved illusory.

Socialist Lead

She has realised, for the first time in nearly a century, that her fate cannot be linked alone with the fortunes of continental Europe.

Her fortunes lie upon the sea. They are linked, not with Germany, but with Britain, as the Norwegian King Sverre proclaimed in the thirteenth century.

But they are also linked with all the maritime nations on the Atlantic seaboard.

Hence the importance and the novelty of the ideas now being advocated by the Norwegian acting Foreign Minister, Trygve Lie.

Mr Lie is a Socialist, like most of the members of Haakon's Cabinet. He is a lawyer by profession, and has for some years been legal adviser to the Norwegian trade unions.

PROTECTION OF U.S. SHIPS Wherever They Go

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The United States will protect her merchantmen wherever they go so long as they do not enter the combat zone proclaimed under the Neutrality Act, declared Mr Roosevelt at a press conference to-day.

He was replying to a question whether this was United States policy. "It is not a question of policy but of law," added the President.

He declined to say whether United States ships going to the Red Sea would similarly be protected, adding that he knew of no ships in those waters now.

Questioned on the possibility of arming United States freighters he said, "There has never been any discussion on that except by orators."

Notables In Free China

CHUNGKING, Apr. 16 (Central News).—Mr and Mrs Ernest Hemingway left Chungking yesterday afternoon by plane for Lashio en route to Singapore.

Mr Erskine Caldwell, American author and playwright, and Mrs Caldwell (nee Miss Margaret Bourke-White), one of America's leading industrial photographers, arrived in Chungking from Hongkong.

It is understood that the Caidwells are on a double assignment of writing on and photographing the conditions in Free China for "Life".

HOW WILL HITLER FALL? FOURTH ARTICLE

"We have now got to attempt, with the other free nations, to find new formulas for international co-operation."

"One thing is certain. What we want is something quite different from the New Order which Germany is now trying to impose upon us."

Seafarers All

"We are a seafaring nation, an old Atlantic people, and our inclusion in a Continental bloc would mean to us nothing but economic ruin."

"The characteristic Norse culture, built up in hundreds of years of effort, would disappear. Everything that is essentially Norwegian in our lives would be destroyed."

"The kind of co-operation we need is one with the Western peoples."

"We have always been in close economic relations with the nations on the Atlantic seaboard. They are not only our natural allies, they are also the nations which have the same traditions of freedom and democracy and tolerance which we ourselves cherish."

"In allying ourselves with them during the war we are not only building up a mighty alliance of freedom-loving peoples to defeat Hitler and Hitlerism, we are laying the foundation of a permanent alliance of Atlantic States for the future."

"Such a political alliance would secure the national freedom and economic prosperity of Norway, protect us against aggressors, and prevent recurring economic or political crises from halting social reform and destroying the well-being of our people."

In The Alliance

I asked Mr Lie what countries he would like to see included in his proposed Atlantic Alliance.

He replied: "First of all there is the British Empire, the greatest commonwealth of nations ever formed."

"Then there is the powerful and rich union of the United States."

"There is France. Then Holland and Denmark and Belgium. And Spain and Portugal."

"And there is Greece, which although not on the Atlantic seaboard, is a maritime nation, and has proved her right to join an alliance of freedom-loving peoples by her fight for independence."

This Norwegian statesman's idea of an Atlantic Alliance has at least one merit:

It has infuriated Hitler, and it has been angrily denounced by Quisling. They fear it because they know the power of ideas. They know that ideas can invade them, just as armies can—and perhaps more successfully. The Norwegian patriots here are already prosecuting that invasion in the Scandinavian territories. The idea is being spread diligently. And as it spreads, the dominion of the Nazis in the North of Europe will be more and more undermined.

NEXT:

The Pistol at England's Heart.

Earthquake In Mexico Buildings Topple

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" MEXICO CITY, Apr. 15 (UP).

A severe earthquake shook the city at 1.30 p.m. to-day toppling buildings, interrupting communications and causing at least one large fire. There was panic amongst the residents, but no immediate reports of casualties have been received.

Cornices crashed from many buildings in the centre of the city en masse the lives of hundreds who were dashing from the offices. A downtown building was set afire. Livens deserted their cars on the streets and ran for the open country to escape the falling debris.

Severe Shock

As the "United Press" correspondent watched from his office in the heart of the city, he saw cornices shaken from the 17-story skyscraper diagonally across the Plaza Vasco de la Reforma. Smoke and fires were observed in the distance. Fire engines and ambulances raced through the streets with sirens shrieking.

The shocks were the most severe in the memory of the "United Press" correspondent who has had 11 years service in Mexico City. The buildings were still shaking as this dispatch was being transmitted.

The Chief of Police reported eight fires in various parts of the city.

ABYSSINIA British Chasing After Italians

NAIROBI, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—British forces en route to Gimmah have reached the river Omo, 106 miles southwest of Addis Ababa, states an official communiqué.

Having bridged the Awash river, a column moving south from Adama has occupied Asella without opposition.

Large quantities of material taken at Addis Ababa include surveying equipment valued at £10,000.

In The Air

CAIRO, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—South African Air Force fighters, operating in Abyssinia, machine-gunned an aerodrome at Gimmah where two Italian aircraft were burned out.

SURVIVORS OF TORPEDOED SHIP

Pernambuco, Brazil, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Nineteen survivors of the crew of a British steamer landed here to-day from a Brazilian steamer which picked them up on Sunday. The British vessel is reported to have been torpedoed.

Canadian Premier

OTTAWA, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Mr Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, left Ottawa for Washington to-day.

Evacuation & Currency Problems Of Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Reported

A diminution in earnings, attributable to the evacuation measures coupled with the correlative restrictions now in force in relation to obtaining permits for entry to the Colony, was reported by Mr E. M. Raymond, Chairman, at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. held this morning.

Referring to the Company's establishments in North China, Mr Raymond said that while the results attained by them were highly satisfactory they were offset to a material extent by depreciated currency.

Regret at the retirement of Mr J. H. Taggart and a tribute to his services to the Company were also expressed by Mr Raymond.

Mr Raymond said: Before I proceed to review the affairs of your Company during the past financial year I have to report with much regret the retirement as from the end of February last of Mr J. H. Taggart, from the post of Managing Director.

The state of Mr Taggart's health had given grave cause for concern for a considerable time. As improvement thereof did not ensue, it was finally compelled, under medical advice, to make speedy arrangements to leave the Colony, and in the circumstances, your Board had no option but to accept his resignation with extreme regret.

Mr Taggart has applied very strenuous work in the service of your Company over a period of 34 years; our records inscribe his arrival in Hongkong as June, 1907, when he took up a post with the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., which Company at that time operated the Hongkong Hotel only. The subsequent widening of the scope of the Company's activities which took place involving pioneer work and merger with other Corporations, thus gradually converting the organisation into its present size, was to a large extent impelled by his energy, acumen and judiciousness.

Outstanding Qualities

His constant exercise of those qualities, which he possesses to an outstanding degree, has enabled your Company to produce highly satisfactory results as well as to weather successfully certain periods of adversity which have been met, and he has moreover wrought much for the improvement of Hotel operation in the Far East generally. Although many Corporations registered in the Colony owe him a debt of gratitude in respect of the able assistance he has rendered to them, your Company has always had first claim upon his qualities of direction and your Board regard the enforced relinquishment of his office as a severe loss to the Company. I express the unanimous wish of the Directors for his speedy return to good health, a sentiment with which I feel sure you will be in entire accord.

Retiring Allowance

In an endeavour to express recognition of Mr Taggart's very valuable service to the Company over the past 34 years, your Directors unanimously decided to vote him a retiring allowance of \$50,000 and I feel confident their action meets with your approval as fitting in the circumstances.

The Board has appointed Mr P. H. Suckling to the post of Managing Director in succession to Mr Taggart. Mr Suckling has been employed with the Company for the past eighteen years and is thoroughly conversant with all branches of the Company's business. He has worked in very close association with Mr Taggart

during the past eight years and is in the opinion of the Board, qualified to fill the position.

With regard to the Accounts submitted for your consideration to-day, you will observe that the primary source of credit to the Profit and Loss Account, represented by the item "Balance of Working Account," appears at \$619,787.88. This figure is some \$340,000 less than the amount of the credit under that heading for the previous year, and it reflects a diminution in earnings in Hongkong attributable to the Evacuation measures effected by Government in July last year, coupled with the correlative restrictions now in force in relation to obtaining permits for entry to the Colony.

Effects Of War

It has unfortunately been the task of the Chairman presiding at the last two Annual Meetings of your Company to report upon the adverse effect upon the earnings of your Hongkong Establishments brought about firstly, by the Sino-Japanese conflict, and subsequently, by the further disadvantage encountered due to the big reduction in shipping arrivals in the Colony experienced as an outcome of the war in Europe, with a lack of transient patronage in consequence. I regret I have to report an immediate and severe further drop in net receipts from letting hotel accommodation which followed the evacuation order referred to. Up to date a recovery in that branch of our revenue has not eventuated and at the moment a prospect of improvement is not apparent.

Local Support

I am, however, pleased to be able to state that a review of the volume of local support accorded during the year to our various restaurants, ball rooms and cafes in Hongkong provides a more cheerful aspect, such business having been maintained at the same gratifying level as pertained during the previous year.

With regard to our establishments in North China, the operation of the Palace Hotel in Shanghai has again provided a highly satisfactory result. The substantial progress made during the year in the improvement work planned to guests' accommodation further stimulated business and the result achieved for the last accounting period surpasses previous records set for that hotel. Unfortunately, as you know, the Shanghai currency suffered a further collapse during 1940, a factor which offset to a material extent the advantage of increased earnings when conversion thereof came to be made into Hongkong currency or mercur in the general accounts.

Astor House Hotel

The Astor House Hotel tenancy arrangement, previously reported upon, worked smoothly during the year, and a satisfactory income accrued therefrom.

The hotel in Peiping operated by our subsidiary company enjoyed still higher earnings in respect of its last financial year ended on June 30, 1940, than those reported in respect of previous years. Again, however, the factor of depreciated currency curtailed the benefit accruing to the parent Company, and the Dividend we received brought to credit in the Profit and Loss Account under the heading of "Dividend on Investments" at \$25,207.30 represents an increase of approximately \$5,000 only over the previous year's figure.

Referring to items listed to the debit of the Profit and Loss Account, Corporations Profit Tax makes its first appearance therein in the sum of \$19,935 and is an apportionment of the assessment covering the nine months of the fiscal period which fell in our last financial year. The debit in respect of \$10,000 donated to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund is, I feel sure, unanimously approved by you. I do not think there are other items in the Profit and Loss Account upon which I need comment. The net profit earned last year is \$329,863 (compared with \$683,558.16 for the year 1939) and adding thereto the sum of \$335,947.20 brought forward from the previous account, a balance of \$665,810.20 is provided for appropriation.

Balance Sheet

Passing to the Balance Sheet, you will note that additions are recorded to "Buildings, Furniture and Fixtures" and "Plant." The "Buildings" figure relates to the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, the "Plant" amount covers the cost of a small addition to the cold storage plant at the Peninsula Hotel, and the larger amount included for "Furniture and Fixtures" is as to about fifty per cent thereof in respect of equipment for the Palace Hotel, the remaining moiety covering items connected with re-modelling work done to Hongkong establishments.

On the contra side of the Balance Sheet you will observe that depletion has occurred to the "Exchange Fluctuation Account" and the "Repairs and Renewals Account." The ramifications of the deterioration of the Chinese National Currency during the year compelled the first mentioned appropriation of \$32,046.59 and the depletion of the "Repairs and Renewals Account" credit by \$55,430.06 arises in connection with expenditure upon Palace Hotel renovation work; the like expenditure on the Peninsula and Hongkong Hotels, combined with an outlay in respect of certain large scale interior and exterior painting and decoration work carried out at all three Hongkong establishments.

Overdraft

The overdraft position with our Bankers is approximately the same as shown last year, the Dividend declared last year and the capital expenditure incurred during 1940 have

been met out of working revenue surplus.

I submit there are no further items in the accounts which call for comment from me. You will doubtless expect me to remark upon future prospects. In that respect I am glad to be able to state that our hotels in the north have been doing business to full capacity during the first quarter of the current year, but as you are aware the offset of exchange deterioration has worsened since the turn of the year. Moreover, in the north as well as in Hongkong, operative costs are soaring rapidly and cannot entirely be passed on to patrons under prevailing conditions.

Passengers To Hongkong
With regard to Hongkong Establishments, business from passenger arrivals in the Colony is sparse, and although we are deriving a satisfactory turnover from our various restaurants and ball rooms, in the absence of a larger volume of "lodging" revenue the final results of our operations in the Colony at the present level of business can be but meagre. Our Garage Department, always a steady and satisfactory contributor to general results, is experiencing many difficulties as a result of the war. Units manufactured by our principals in England cannot be obtained, and have been unobtainable for many months. Although car and truck units sufficient to completely fulfil known demands can be obtained from the manufacturers of the American product we represent, we are barred from acquiring them by the local import restrictions.

Appreciation Of Staff

At this juncture I desire to record an expression of sincere appreciation of the work carried out by the members of the Staffs of the Company in Hongkong, Shanghai and Peiping. All have worked in the Company's interests unremittingly in a very difficult period, and in a manner tending to the enhancement of the Company's reputation.

There being no further matters to which I can usefully refer, I now beg formally to propose that the Report and Accounts for the financial year ended on December 31, 1940, as presented, be adopted, and that the balance of \$665,810.20 standing to the credit of Profit and Loss Account be appropriated as follows:

A Dividend of twenty-five cents per share	\$298,408.75
Retiring allowance to Mr J. H. Taggart, O.B.E.	50,000.00
Carry forward to 1941 Account	317,343.45
	\$665,810.20

The proposal was seconded by Mr M. H. Lo and carried unanimously.

Appointments

The appointment of Mr P. H. Suckling to the Board was confirmed and the re-election of Mr L. Kadoorie approved, on the proposal of Mr S. Hampden Ross, seconded by Mr C. M. Hall.

On the proposal of Mr V. C. Labrum, seconded by Mr C. C. Blake, the re-election of Messrs Percy

Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors and a payment to them of \$3,300 for extra services during the past year were approved.

Present at the meeting were Mr E. M. Raymond (Chairman), Mr J. Scott Harrison, the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, Mr D. C. Edmonston, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr Lawrence Kadoorie (Directors), Mr P. H. Suckling (Managing Director), Mr E. O. Murphy (Acting Secretary), Messrs S. H. Ross, M. H. Lo, V. C. Labrum, J. F. Sherry, C. M. Hall, Lo Yuk-tong, A. M. d'Eon, C. C. Blake, D. W. Vaswani and H. Gittins (Shareholders).

Village Robbery Foiled

Due to the resourcefulness of a villager's wife, six robbers were frustrated in an attempt to rob the occupant of a hut in Tsun Wan, New Territories, last evening.

According to a Police report six men, one armed with a revolver and another with a rifle entered a hut about 11 p.m. in Ha Wai Chun Village, Tsun Wan, and threatened the owner and his wife. They then proceeded to ransack the premises. The villager's wife, however, broke away and blew a police whistle.

This brought other villagers to the hut, and the robbers who had meantime decamped, were chased. One of the alleged robbers was caught in a barbed wire entanglement when the villagers came upon him. One shot was fired by the robbers, but no one was injured.

Kwangtung Success Of Chinese

SHIUKWAN, Apr. 15 (Central News).—The Japanese have been knocked out of Hofung and Kung-ping on the southeast Kwangtung coast as a result of a sweeping Chinese counter-offensive.

Military dispatches reveal that the Chinese made a daring attack at Kungping, north of Hofung, at midnight on April 10. Braving heavy Japanese fire, they broke into the town and engaged in street fighting with the enemy.

After suffering heavy casualties, the Japanese evacuated the town and retired to Hofung. Following in hot pursuit, the Chinese smashed into Hofung at 11 p.m. on the next day and recaptured the important coastal town.

Warship Sunk

SHIUKWAN, Apr. 15 (Central News).—A Japanese warship of light draught is reported to have been hit and sunk by Chinese shells in the Pearl River on April 10.

Steam Launch Sunk

LOYANG, Apr. 15 (Central News).—A Japanese steam launch with a cargo of ammunition sailing from Taikang to Hwaiyang in east Honan was attacked at Wangtai by Chinese troops on April 13. The launch was sunk and all the Japanese aboard were killed.

Naval Bombing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". SHANGHAI, Apr. 16 (Domest).—Japanese naval planes launched a three-hour attack along the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway, where they straddled the enemy's military establishments and buses.

In Hupeh

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". HANKOW, Apr. 16 (Domest).—Japanese units late on Monday afternoon fiercely attacked a strong enemy position on a 700-metre hill in the Tchung range of Hupeh. Aided by Army air units, they succeeded in reducing the enemy's stronghold and entered Sanlikang.

Death Sentence For Corruption

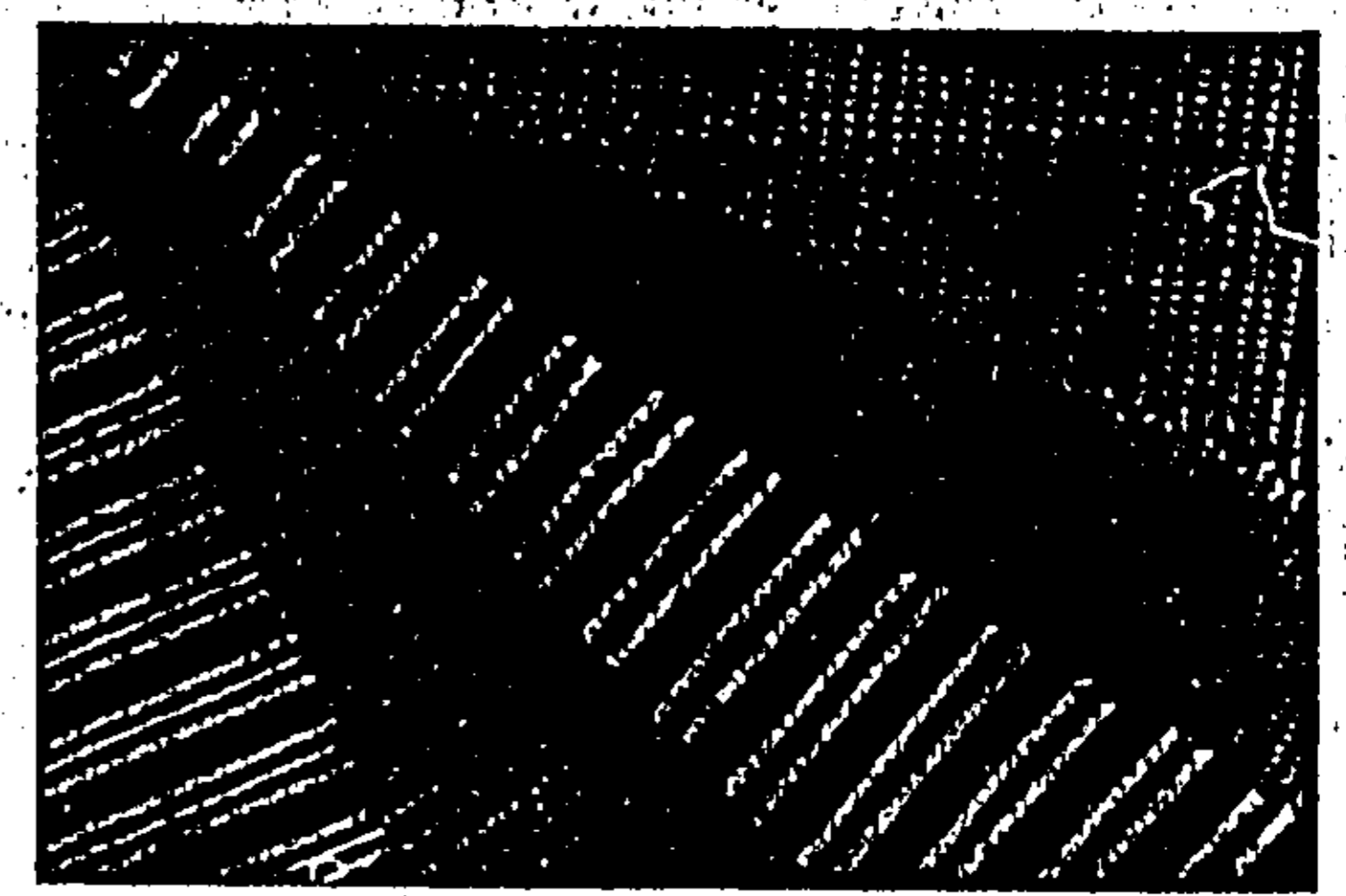
CHUNGKING, Apr. 16 (Central News).—Chung Wan-hsiang, chief traffic inspector in Kweiyang, was recently court-martialled and sentenced to death on charges of bribery and extortion.

Hsu Fei-lang, and Yu Sui-hsing, traffic inspectors and Kung Chhe-sheng, traffic officer, were sentenced to imprisonment on similar charges.

Stopped Chinese With Bus "Stop" Sign

Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed on Lai Tsan, 42, unemployed, by Mr A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning for stealing a bus "stop" sign of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, from the junction of Battery Street and Jordan Road, Yaumatei.

It was said that about 6 p.m. on April 14, a Chinese constable saw Defendant walking along Shanghai Street near Waterloo Road, carrying a cloth bag in which there appeared to have been something heavy. The constable opened the bag and found a broken bus stop sign.



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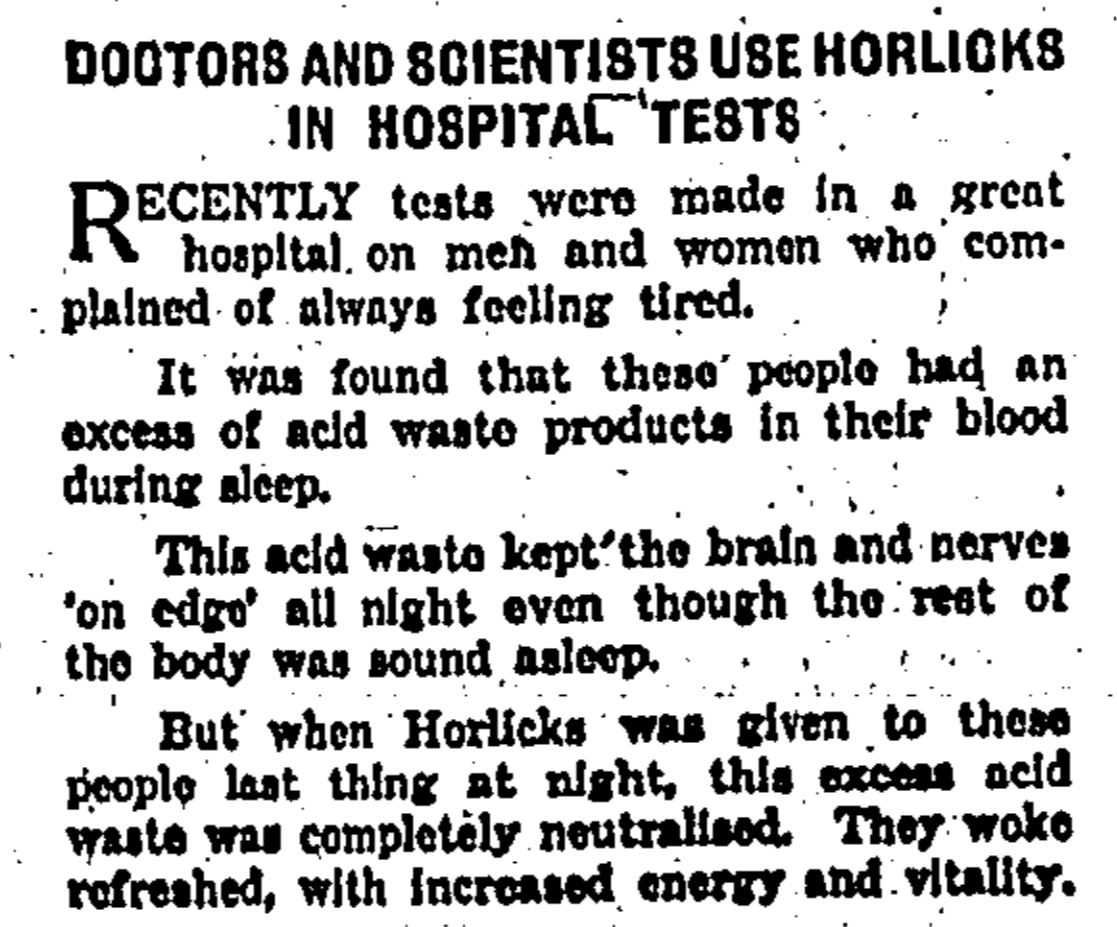
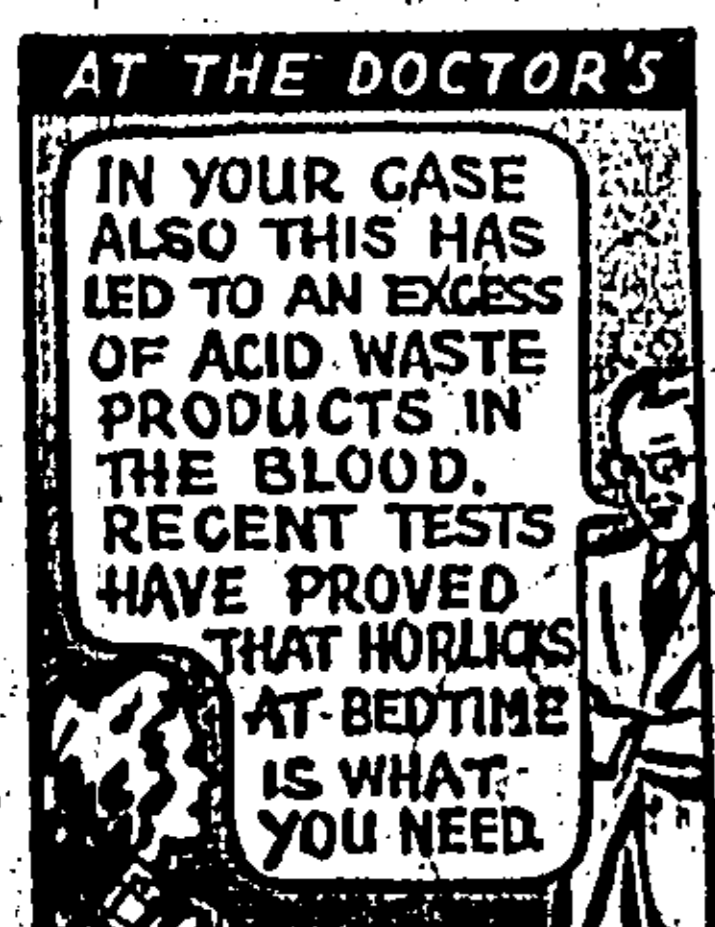
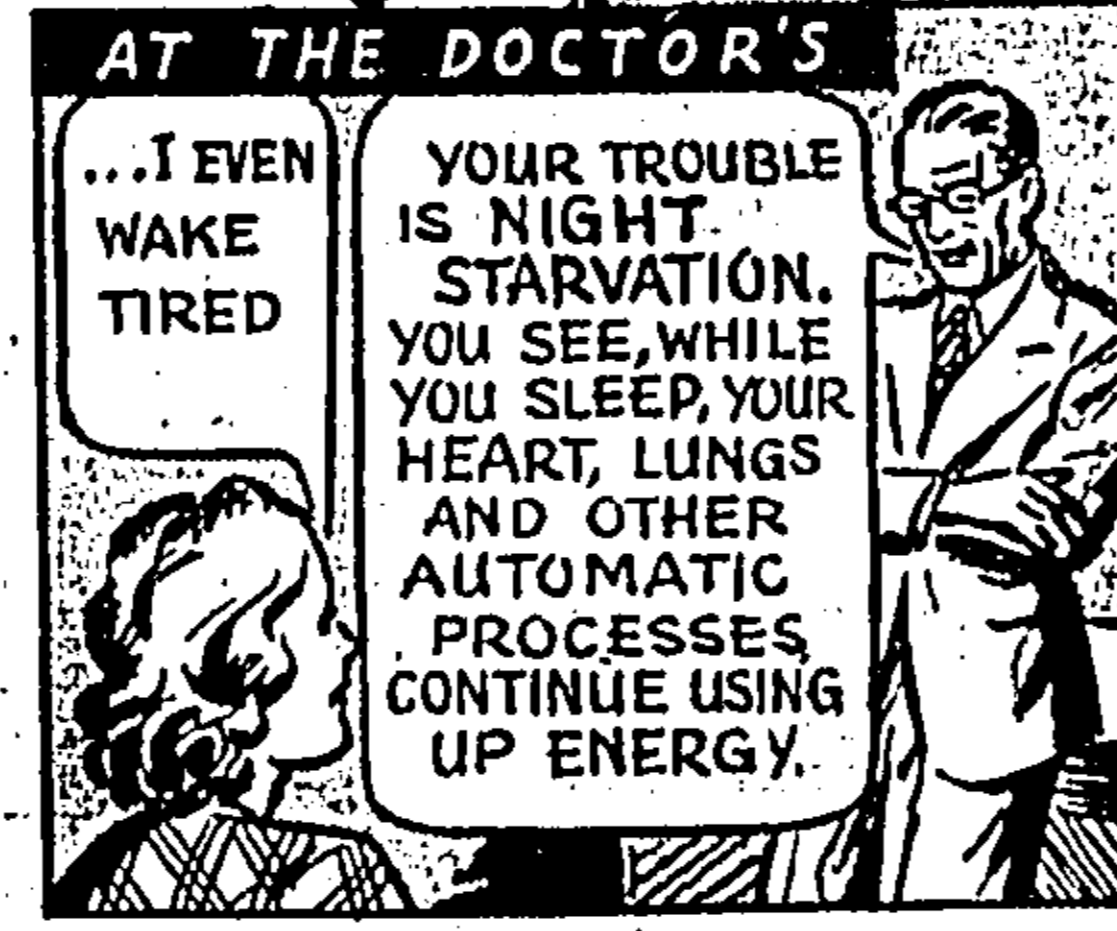
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THE KOWLOON-HAPPY VALLEY GOLF MATCH



A happy group of the Kowloon Golf Club and Happy Valley golfers in the match at Kowloon City last Friday in which the Mainland side easily beat the Valley team.—Ming Yuen.

Important Rules To Remember

Poor Outlook For Tennis League

If present entries (it should be entry) are any criterion of what to expect from the tennis players for the League this year, the outlook is very poor. Though entries close to-day, only one has been received for the four Divisions—this from the Civil Service C.C. Clubs are reminded that to-day is the closing date. These should be sent as soon as possible to Mr. C. J. Tachi, Hon. Secretary the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association, c/o the Kowloon C.C.

Badminton

First Round Matches In Women's Doubles

RESULTS of matches in the first round of the women's Doubles Badminton Championships last night were according to book, though in one—Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. Silva v. Miss U. Khoo and Mrs. Wilson—the result could not have been forecast. The games were played at the Jewish Recreation Club, and a fair crowd of spectators were present. The results in brief were: Miss M. M. Silva and Miss A. Xavier beat Miss J. Choa and Miss M. Churn 15-4, 15-11. Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. Silva beat Miss U. Khoo and Mrs. Wilson 18-13, 15-6. Mrs. Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez beat Miss G. White and Miss F. Wong 15-3, 15-8. Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. Zimmerman beat Miss M. Noronha and Miss I. Pereira 15-2, 15-2. MISS CHOA and Miss Churn lost their first game to Miss Silva and Miss Xavier in an easy manner, and in comparison their showing in the second game was surprising. They had, by then, acquired something approaching combination, but had settled down too late.

Surprising Collapse

MISS U. KHOO and Mrs. Wilson featured in a surprising collapse when they met Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. Silva. The winners deserved their success for the spirited and slightly superior play of the opening game. It was their superior combination that carried the day. On the other side of the next, faulty tactics were their cause of the downfall. Miss Khoo and Mrs. Wilson chose the wrong method of play. Mrs. Wilson took the net and Miss Khoo covered the baseline, and as a consequence the former had comparatively little to do while the latter bore the brunt of the work. Had Mrs. Wilson been allowed to take her stand side-by-side with Miss Khoo and share the work more evenly there might easily have been a different result to the match. Miss Khoo was played out in the second game.

Other Games

IN the other matches, opposition was too weak to provide any great interest. Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. Zimmerman, whom many anticipated will win the title, easily accounted for Miss M. Noronha and Miss I. Pereira.

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Putting, Approaching And Playing From Hazards

Match Penalties For Ignorance

(By "Birdie")

THE RULES of most games are of such a rigidity that their relaxation is attended by deterioration of play, but with golf there are several points that can be stretched without impairment of interest. But it must be remembered that points are being stretched.

Setting the ball on nice bits of "pretty", for instance, make for better shots and a keener enjoyment of the game. The other day one of a fourball grounded his club preparatory to making a shot, and then coolly excavated a small submerged stone discovered behind the ball before smacking a superb wood that almost carried the green. He had left a hole behind the ball as big as an apple!

He was, of course, avoiding damage to his club, but the stone was not by any means a loose impediment, and the ball ought to have been played from where it lay.

The extreme was a player who landed on the concrete side of a well, and played four shots from the concrete before reaching the fairway again. Here, under Rule 11, he was entitled to a free pick up.

This Rule is worth quoting. It reads:

Removal of Obstructions

Any flag-stick, guide-post, implement, vehicle, bridge, bridge-plank, seat, hut, shelter or similar obstruction may be removed. A ball moved in removing such an obstruction shall be lifted and dealt with as provided for in Rule 8 without penalty (dropping not nearer the hole).

A ball lying on or touching such an obstruction, or lying on or touching clothes, or ground under repair, or a drain cover, hydrant, hydrant cover, or exposed water-pipe, or lying in a hole made by a green-keeper, may be lifted and dealt with as provided for in Rule 8 without penalty.

If a player's stroke be interfered with by any such obstruction which is immovable and which is within two club lengths of his ball, the ball may be lifted and dropped or on the putting green placed not more than two club lengths from the obstacle but not nearer the hole, without penalty.

At reading the first paragraph, it raises a little smile to think that one would consider removing a bridge in order to make a shot! But those obstacles are dealt with in the last paragraph.

However, returning to the player who discovered the stone—he, I should imagine, had broken another Rule in that the club must be grounded lightly and not pressed to the ground. Loose impediments on the fairway and green may be removed, but not when in a hazard (i.e. bunker). A buried stone is not a loose impediment.

Before striking at a ball in play, a player shall not improve the position of his ball by moving, bending or breaking anything fixed or growing, except (1) so far as is necessary to enable him fairly to take his stance in addressing the ball, or (2) in making his backward or forward swing. The club may be grounded lightly and not pressed to the ground.

Under Rule 9 one may touch the ball in addressing it. Under Definition 10 "a ball is deemed to have moved if it leaves its position and comes to rest in another place."

I hold no brief for either side in view of Definition 10, though I would otherwise hold that a stroke was the penalty.

It seems that quite a bit of confusion arises out of the penalties attached to striking the flag from within twenty yards of the green. Under match and medal play there are extreme differences.

In Stroke-play—Medal—the penalty is two strokes (Stroke Rule 13), but in match play, under Rule 32, "if the ball rests against the flag—which is in the hole, the player shall be entitled to remove the flag-stick, and, if the ball fall into the hole, the player shall be deemed to have holed out at his last stroke."

There are penalties (loss of the hole) for striking the flag which is held by your partner or caddy. It would there be up to "X" or "Y's" caddy to remove the flag in match play when "X" is playing from within twenty yards, but if "Y's" caddy holding the flag were struck then "Y" loses the hole.

In medal play it would be up to "X" to have his own caddy remove the flag-stick otherwise there would be the penalty of two strokes for hitting it.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 26th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 17th April, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Poor Tennis In Yesterday's Doubles Match

E. C. FINCHER and W. C. Hung entered the quarter-finals of the Colony Open Doubles tennis Championships yesterday when they beat Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui in two straight sets 6-1, 6-4 on the Stand Court.

Tennis, however, was far below standard, and only at very frequent intervals was there anything to command the interest of spectators.

Fincher and Hung had comparatively little difficulty in taking the first set for neither Kong nor Fung were anything like settled. Fung was lamentably weak, and though Kong strove to take on more of the burden his efforts were out-manoeuvred by his opponents. Fincher was serving very well.

Kong and Fung took a 4-1 lead in the second set, and it seemed that the match was going to three sets, but Fincher and Hung revived something of their earlier combination and fought their way to take five games in a row for the set.

To-day's Match

The Stand Court match in the Open Tennis Championships to-day will be: Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Yip v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.

Easter Softball Thrills Fans At Kowloon Football Club

Saints Prolong Winning Streak: First Games Of International Series

(By "Ball Fan")

DRIVING PAST the first round bend with tremendous run-scoring momentum, Harry Noronha's all powerful starlight representing Portugal came through with a devastating 10-3 victory over the loose playing Great Britain nine. China cruised into the second round stretch with a narrow 4-3 win over a spirited Philippine threat, while the defending champions from India just made the "in" mark in taking Canada for a close 7-5 triumph.

Easter Monday's brilliant charity doubleheader, featuring the glittering heights of local softball talent, before a fashion-minded holiday crowd of ball fans, saw the burly bullhawking Saints in spirited championship mood as they continued their winning streak with a "swing music" triumph over the raiding Mohawks. The star-studded Wildcats took the Rest into camp, coming through with a 9-5 win.

HONUS Waggoner's battling Mohawk Braves, in a desperate bid to terminate the present season with a win over Dave Leonard's Saints before the arrival of the warm "trade winds", took a disastrous 7-1 defeat as the champions rolled across with a powerful punter-clout attack to annihilate the serious Iroquois threat.

For five ferocious innings the two teams dished up a dazzling brand of airtight ball with the Five Nation papoose men taking a slim long tally lead in the 5th frame on Frankie Crew's sinning single to right. The pulverizing Saints sending out basehits, to crash home four winning runs as Stan Leonard, Jindo Hussain, Frankie Gonzales and Hal Winglee came tearing across in gleeful fashion.

For the last three frames the star-shirled Mohawks played "rapid-error" ball to chalk up a grand total of thirteen miscues, a season's single game record for the galloping Tribe. The champions added three more runs in the final inning on three driving blows by Stan Leonard, Frankie Gonzales and George Sousa. Spectacular Cy Jones, brave moundman was nicked for ten solid hits, but was given poor support by his faltering teammates in their off-game of the year.

SCORING in every stanza, the star-studded Wildcats de-

feated the Rest 9-5, in the holiday opener. For three innings the two teams battled even ball, but the untamed felines forged ahead in the 4th with two tallies by Cynthia Motta and Thelma Colacco; adding four more runs in the next two innings.

The Rest staged a fighting finish in the last canto, pushing across two markers in a last minute bid, featuring Betty Fitzgerald's double, the only extra base clout by the losers.

PLAYING real consistent ball and driving through with a fighting attack, Portugal's slugging ball tossers hammered the offerings of British hurler Jack Brown for fourteen solid safeties to breeze in with an easy 10-3 win.

Led by the dynamite clouting of George Sousa, and Arturo Ozorio, the winners were never seriously threatened as they started off with a five run barrage in the 1st stanza on five solid smacks.

Hurled Gerry Gosano limited the dangerous Empire willow-wielders to three soft singles and was never seriously threatened by the clouting duo of Stan and Dave Leonard.

CHINA entered the International series second round with a hard-earned victory over a stubborn-playing team from the Philippines.

Finger Herbie Quon held the soft hitting Islanders to two measly bingles, but his team mates were only able to garner four hits off the slab toiling of Dave Amper.

The Chinese pulled a screwball bower in the last stanza allowing the Filipinos to clog the bags with one out; but a rapid fire double play, Bill Chang to Wally Ching, ended to loser's last ditch threat. Wally Ching's triple and double were the longest hits of the fray while Filipino third sacker Enoc Loyola's two singles were the only hits chalked up for Ildefonso's Islanders.

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Holiday Stars

George Sousa and Charlie Quina, Portugal—Former led the winners sinning his attack, connecting for a double and three singles, and coming across with one run; latter tripled for the longest hit in the fray to drive in two runs.

Wally Ching and Herbie Quon, China—Former came through with a terrific triple and double, making two of the four Chinese base-hits; Herbie held the Philippine Islanders to two measly bingles and whiffed eight, to climax a brilliant hurling game.

Baby Abbas and Junior Marker, India—The Baby came through with a perfect day at the platter, polling out three sinning singles and coming in with two tallies; latter also sinning with three hits in three times up to play an important part in the Indian win.

Cynthia Motta and Thelma Colacco, Wildcats—Cynthia's two runs and two hits were a big factor in the champions' holiday win over the Rest; latter hurried steady ball, holding the losers to six bingles and whiffing six in a stellar display.

Frankie Gonzales and Stan Leonard, St. Joseph's—Frankie limited the dangerous Mohawks to five hits besides clouting out three singles in a stand-out win; latter played an all-round bang-up game at the initial sack and his tally in the 6th frame started the champions Saints on a scoring merry-go-round.

Cottage Club Hunt For "Kiki Cup"

The Cottage Club will hold its next hunt in the Dill's Corner country on Saturday, April 19, the winner of the hunt to receive the "Kiki Cup", a trophy which has been donated by Madame Louis de San, formerly Miss Kiki de Chaffoy de Courcelles.

Ponies will be drawn for at the Club at 3 p.m. and the hunt will start from Dill's Corner at 4 p.m. In the evening, supper will be held at the Club house, prior to which Madame de San will present the Cup to the winner.

Leafs bogged down in the 5th to watch Sherry Bux and Baby Abbas tear home with two more Indian tallies.

The defending champions added another run in the 6th canto on a sizzling double by Cyclone Baker and clinched the game in the last inning as singles by A. R. Kitchell, Baby Abbas and Cyclone Baker sped across three final runs.

The Maple Leafs surprised the gashouse fans with a fighting game as chunky Johnny Fisher led the loser's battling attack.

The Indians bunched eleven bingles off slabster Den Cray whose speed balls were not tearing over with the old time zip.

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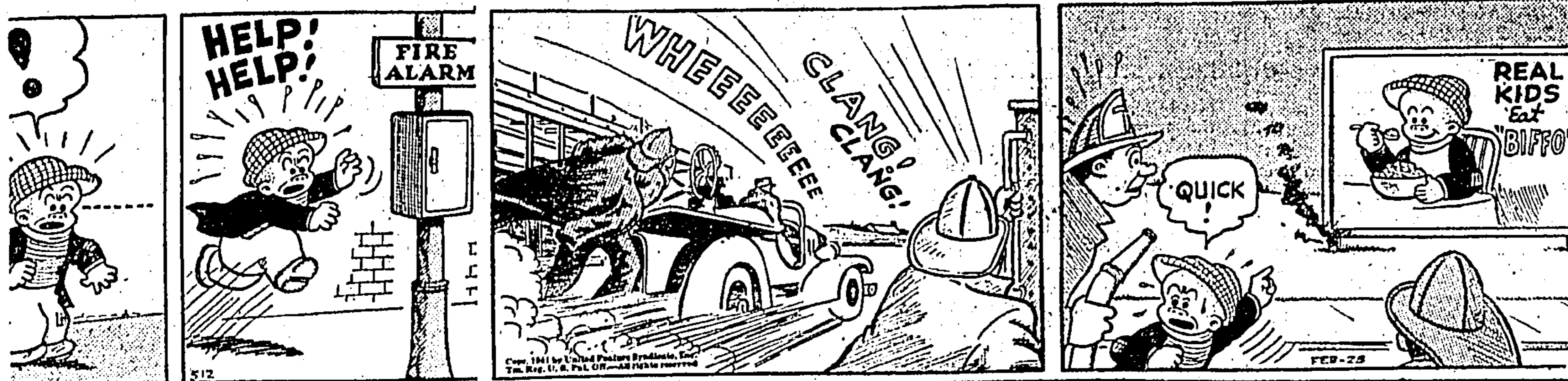
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Celebrating their fourth consecutive annexation of the Senior Football League honours, and their winning of the Senior Challenge Shield and the Kowloon Charity Cup, South China Athletic Association held a dinner at the Ying King Restaurant on Monday night. The function was a signal success, and among those present were (as in picture above, from left to right) Mr Mok Hing, Mr Wong Ka-sun, the Hon. Mr Li Tse-fong, the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith (President of the Hongkong Football Association), Mr Luke Oi-wan (President of S.C.A.A.), the Hon. Mr W. N. Thomas and Mr Ngan Shing-kwan (Chairman) who welcomed the guests. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming)

INDIAN TRIUMPH AT MASSAWA

NEW DELHI, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Many deeds of gallantry by Indian troops during the operations leading to the fall of Massawa are described in despatches received from Eritrea. The Indian troops were quick to seize the advantage and attempt actions against odds which normally would have been extremely hazardous. On several occasions enemy machine gun positions concealed in wire entanglements were taken at the bayonet point, and one sepoy in taking such a post single-handedly crawled close enough to throw a hand grenade.

Another havildar led a detachment across a bullet swept area and mined field to cut off 500 Italian naval ratings holding one sector of the line.

During the attack on the port, an Indian Company led by a subadar succeeded in rounding up approximately 200 prisoners, all Europeans who were preparing to make a stand. The subadar sent a platoon around the flank with orders to open rapid fire and eventually effected a clever capture.

Past Minefields

Indian troops in carriers were the first to enter Massawa, despite minefields crowding the entrance, which were easily located and disposed of by Indian Sappers and miners.

As soon as the troops were disembarked at Massawa, there was a general rush seaward and bathing was soon in full swing, though it was nearly midnight.

Meanwhile the khan samas were settling down to cook an enormous meal of celebration over the capture of Italian oranges.

U. S. Fighting Personnel

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—A bill increasing the officer and enlisted strength of the United States Navy and Marine Corps to 232,000 was passed and sent to the White House by the Senate to-day.

The bill also authorises the President to acquire 200,000 tons of auxiliary vessels for national defence and to raise the number of men enlisted to 300,000 at his discretion.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Caution Prevails

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Mediterranean situation is responsible for the generally cautious tendency prevailing in the Stock Exchange to-day. Prices were widely marked down, but there was no selling pressure.

Oil shares and European bonds especially, were easy, but industrial securities closed steadier.

Japanese and Brazilian bonds also declined. Wall Street was barely steady.

Why Libyan Campaign Backfired

British Alternatives

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—In a special commentary in the "Yorkshire Post", their military correspondent says that "the point whether we should have completed the conquest of Libya by going through to Tripoli will be an argument even when the war is over."

Libya did not stand alone, however, as the Germans had decided to aid Italy by entering the Balkan campaign while large forces were still engaged in East Africa.

"Our choice of action had to be made from the following:

- (1) To accept the German challenge in the Balkans,
- (2) to race against the rains in Abyssinia to conquer the country and obtain the use of troops now there,
- (3) to concentrate on two African campaigns and give the Germans a walk-over in the Balkans down to the Mediterranean.

Athens Is Saved

Had we decided on the third course, the Germans would not have been in Athens. We surely did the right thing in deciding on the first, and taking a risk in Libya and adjusting matters there by quickly releasing troops after the East African conquest.

"Such adjustment was and is possible, but had we let the German Balkans challenge go by the board, or have hesitated to liquidate the East Africa recovery, there would have been hard work for a year or more ahead."

Halifax Explains

NEW YORK, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Commenting on the war situation, Lord Halifax to-day said, "It has been necessary to withdraw from Libya to new positions and although we suffered loss in doing this, we have made the enemy pay dearly for his advance."

Adding that the stream of reinforcements of men and material was steadily flowing into that theatre of war, Lord Halifax said that this process was "greatly helped" by President Roosevelt's action in opening the Red Sea to American shipping.

Pointing out that the R.A.F. was "an incomparably more formidable instrument than a few months ago, Lord Halifax continued that history of the struggle at sea since the war began gave every reason to believe that the strength of our sea power is undiminished and, in the end, will play the largest part in bringing down the pillars of the Nazi temple."

Liaison With Turks

Ankara, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Lieut. Gen. Sir James Marshall-Cornwall has left here for Egypt. Accompanied by Air Marshal Elmhirst he arrived in Turkey from Egypt at the beginning of April to resume talks with the Turkish General Staff.

America Is Suspicious Of Soviet-Japan Pact

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15 (UP).—Diplomatic sources to-day predicted that the Russo-American conversations on commercial relations will be stopped temporarily until the meaning of the Russo-Japanese pact is clarified.

Comment on the treaty is still guarded and varied. Observers believed that the United States will continue its efforts to better relations with Russia, despite the pact, if there is convincing proof that the treaty will result in a stronger Russian stand against Germany in Europe.

In the case of Japan, however, the already strained relations are not expected to improve. Most observers here see the treaty as a threat against Anglo-American interests in the Orient, inasmuch as it is believed that Japan previously feared a Russian attack in event of her southward expansion.

Russian Comment

MOSCOW, Apr. 15 (UP).—The official organ, "Izvestia", in an editorial to-day hailed the Russo-Japanese pact as the "turning point in history of the relations between the two countries, ending the old traditional enmity, and heralding a new phase which is promising to be fruitful."

Other newspapers gave prominence to the exchange of telegrams between Mr Matsuo and M. Molotov, as well as Prince Konoye's statement that "I am convinced of the historic significance of Soviet-Japanese relations which is aiding considerably in the establishment of peace throughout the world."

Japanese circles reported the trade and fisheries negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily and that an agreement is imminent.

Japanese Humble

TOKYO, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—After the first flush of enthusiasm for the new Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact, Japanese newspapers adopted a more reserved tone to-day. Caution is urged and the view expressed that unless Moscow suspends help to China and reaches an agreement with Japan on the various issues at present outstanding between the countries, the pact will be valueless.

One newspaper says that the pact should not be construed as a gesture of goodwill to Japanese but the natural policy of the Soviet Union which seeks profit by the wars of others.

China Press Indignant

CHUNGKING, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The Soviet-Japanese pact facilitates also China's enemy and prejudices Chinese rights and interests, says the "Ta Kung Pao." "The most deplorable part is the joint declaration concerning Manchuria and Outer Mongolia. Russia accepted the League of Nations resolutions denouncing the Japanese invasion of Manchuria, while she undertakes, under the Peking Agreement, not to sign any treaty affecting China's sovereign rights."

"The Soviet declaration is a violation of Soviet treaty obligations. We have nothing to say about, Anglia."

Scholarships To U. S. Won Lingnan University

Mr Wong Sik-ling, lecturer in Chinese literature at Lingnan University, and Miss Tong Po-kuen, a student of economics of the same institution who is going to graduate this summer, have both obtained scholarships for further studies in the United States.

Mr Wong, it is learned, has received a scholarship given by the Joint Board of Trustees of the Chinese Christian Universities in New York, and is leaving for the States this summer to enter the Harvard University to specialise in philology. Miss Tong's scholarship, amounting to U.S.\$1,000 per year, is offered by the Wells College, New York.

It is understood that the School of Home Economics of Oregon State University is also offering a scholarship of U.S. \$500 per year to the Lingnan University.

Air Duels Over English Channel

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Royal Air Force fighters carried out offensive patrols over the Channel and Northern France during daylight to-day and shot down two German fighters.

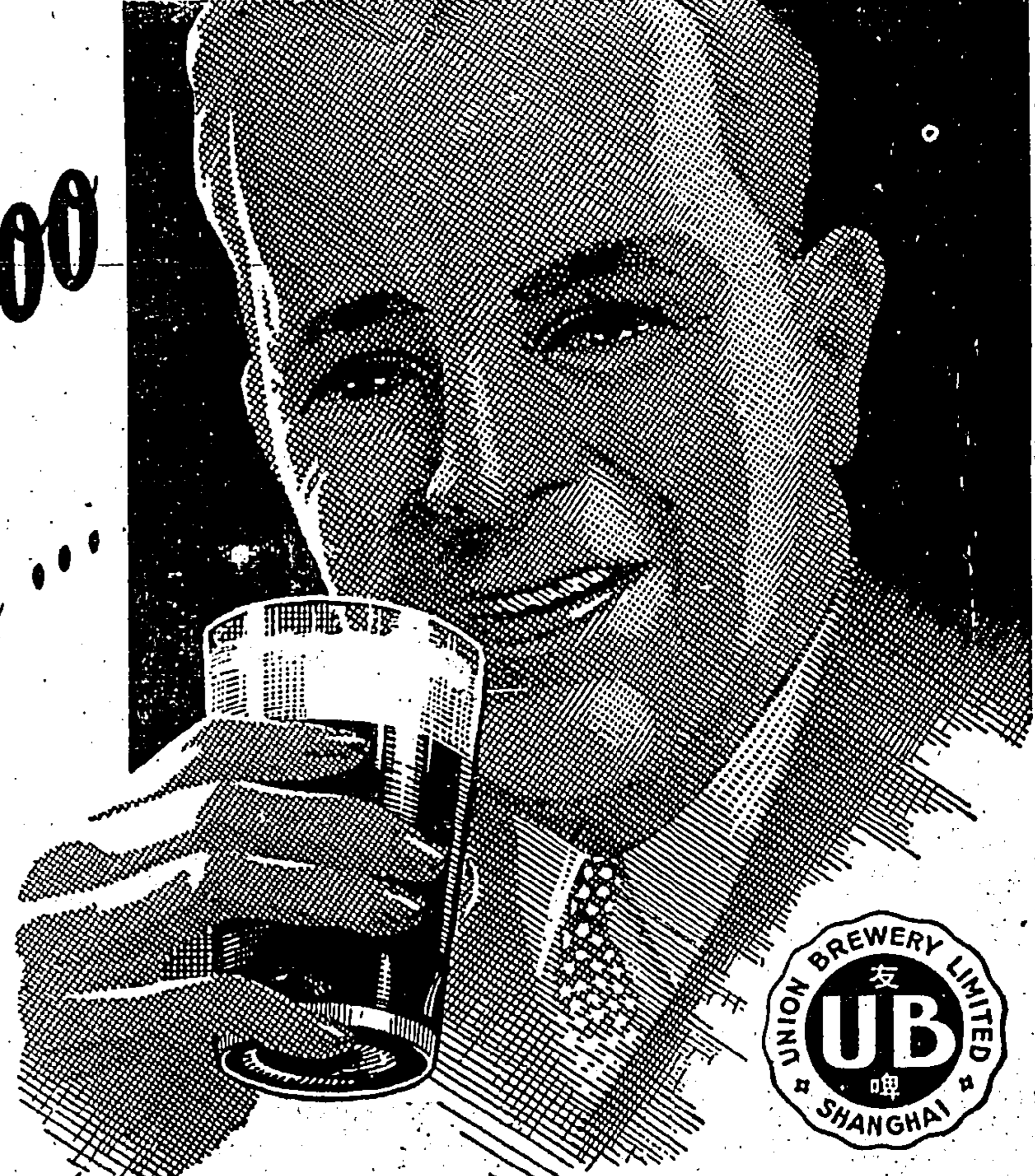
A German bomber was also destroyed by fighters over the Channel. One British fighter is missing.

No bombs fell on Britain during daylight on Tuesday.

Night Alert

LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—The alert sounded in the London area at a late hour to-night. Enemy aircraft were reported over areas in the northwest, east and south-west of England, north Midlands and East

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Daring Raid On Norway

Former U. S. Warship
LONDON, Apr. 15 (Reuter).
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ship led the raid on a north
Norwegian port early on Satur-
day morning. It was one of the
American destroyers taken over
by the British last year, four of
which are now sailing under the
Norwegian flag.

The landing party were mostly
hardened Norwegian sailors and
fishermen with a sprinkling of poona
who knew every fjord and inlet of
the intricate Norwegian coast.

The destroyer crept in during the
early hours of the morning, and
landed the party of volunteers.
Telephone and telegraph wires were
cut, and local "guislings" and Ger-
mans were rounded up.

Greek Relief Fund

Bomber Fund Additions

The S. C. M. Post has received the
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Ping-wah, \$25; Mr. Fung Ping-fan, \$25;
Mr. Kan Tung-po, \$25; Messrs. Shu Fung-
honn, \$100; Mr. Philip Gockchun, \$25; Chung
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SERBS RECOVER TERRITORY

FROM PAGE ONE

Serbian army has been almost com-
pletely wiped out and their resistance
is weakening rapidly, adding, "the
total and complete collapse of the
Serbian army is very near."

New Lightning Threat?
BERLIN, Apr. 15 (UP).—Hitler's
Balkan armies—to-day—launched a
new lightning thrust at the heart of
the Anglo-Greek defence positions in
northern Greece, while the last
resistance by the Yugo-Slavs is being
crushed in the mountain of Bosnia
and Herzegovina, it was revealed in
to-day's High Command communi-
que.

This is the first German push on
the Greek front since the capture of
Salonika, and resulted in the first
clash between German and British
forces. It is indicated that contrary
to expectations, the Germans are not
awaiting a final collapse of Yugo
Slavs—which is confidently expected
here in the very near future—for
launching a drive against the main
Anglo-Greek position.

Royal Air Force Smash Sofia

FROM PAGE ONE

the road, while a third crashed into
a ditch.
Two sergeant pilots took two bom-
bers over Sofia on Sunday night and
reported large fires and explosions in
the marshalling yards. A direct hit
on a munitions train tossed one plane
about like a leaf and almost blinded
the pilot.

Raids On Piraeus
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP).—Radio
Athens to-night announced that the
Ministry of Public Security stated
that German bombers in successive
waves to-day attacked Piraeus,
southwest of Salonika, but there
were no casualties or damage.

"Larissa was subjected to a day-
long raid but the results are not yet
reported," the announcement said.

LATE NEWS

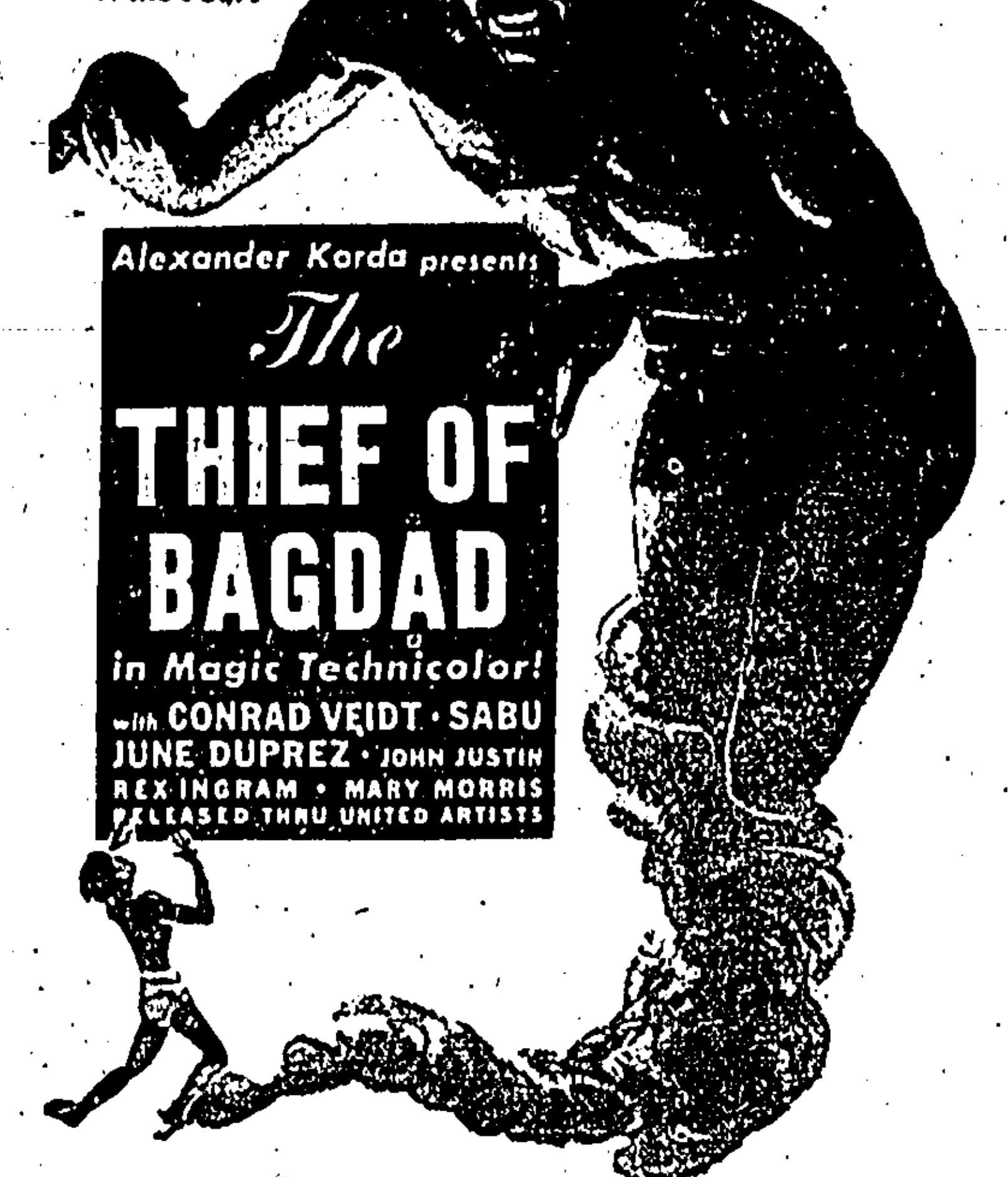
His remains were buried at the
Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley.
Among those who attended the
funeral were Ip Lan-chuen, promi-
nent local business man, Chow Yung-
nung, of the Overseas Affairs Com-
mission.

Mrs. Li who was in Hokkaido,
arrived in Hongkong in time yester-
day to attend the funeral.
A native of Hokkaido, Kwangtung,
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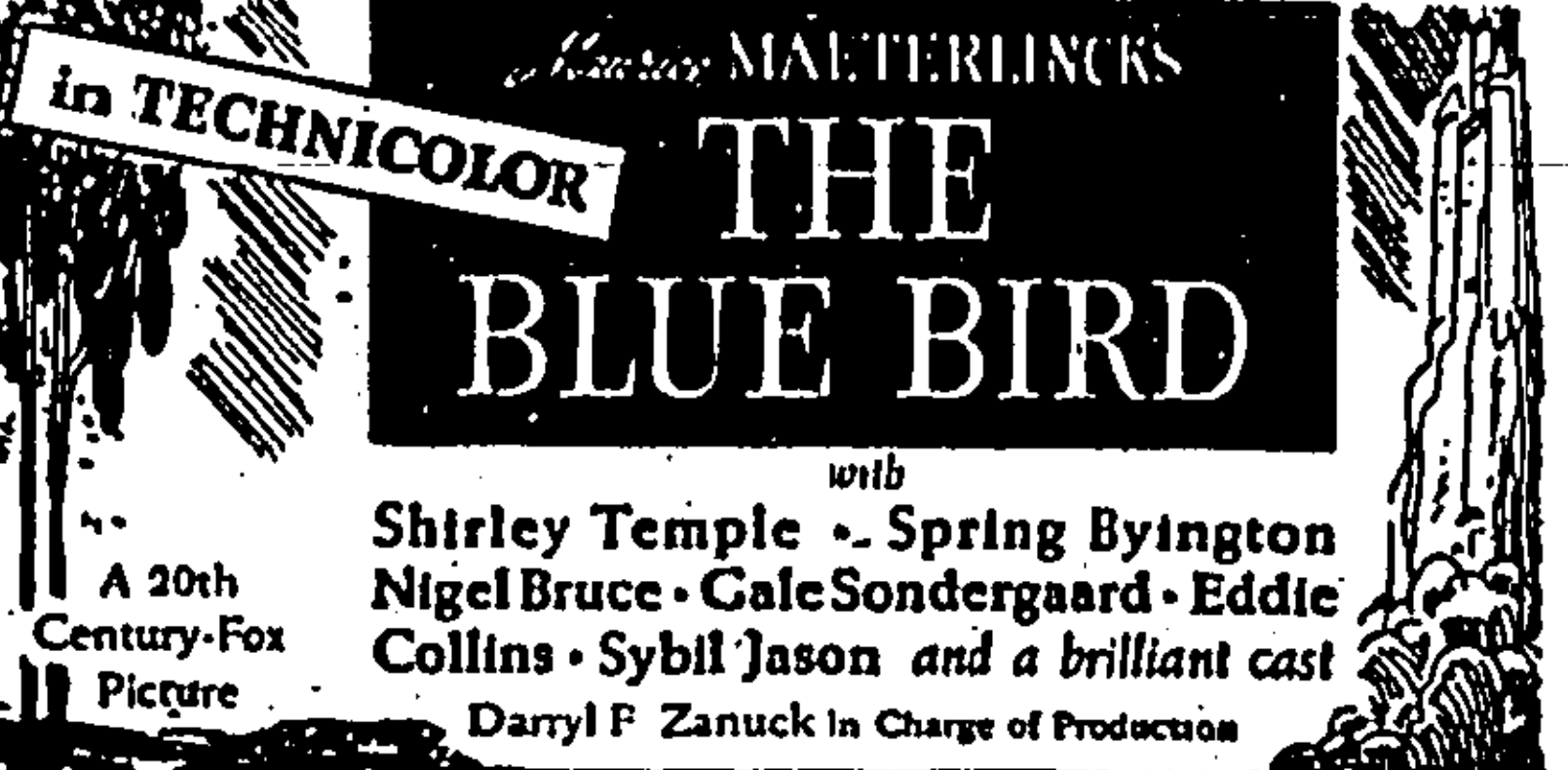
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The funeral of Mr. Li Kung-chuen,
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U.S.A., and a delegate to the National
People's Assembly, who died of
haemorrhage in the French Convent
Hospital here on April 11, was held
yesterday.

His remains were buried at the
Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley.
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Col Knox Testifies

WASHINGTON, 15 (Reuter).—
"We are now in the midst of the de-
cisive period of this world war,"
declared the Secretary of the Navy,
Colonel Frank Knox giving evidence
before the House of Representatives
Naval Affairs Committee on the
question of the labour situation and
defence.

He said, "I see my country being
gradually encircled and isolated and
should disaster come to those actually
engaged in this war, I see this nation
surrounded by nations who have
made known how they feel about our
nation and our institutions."

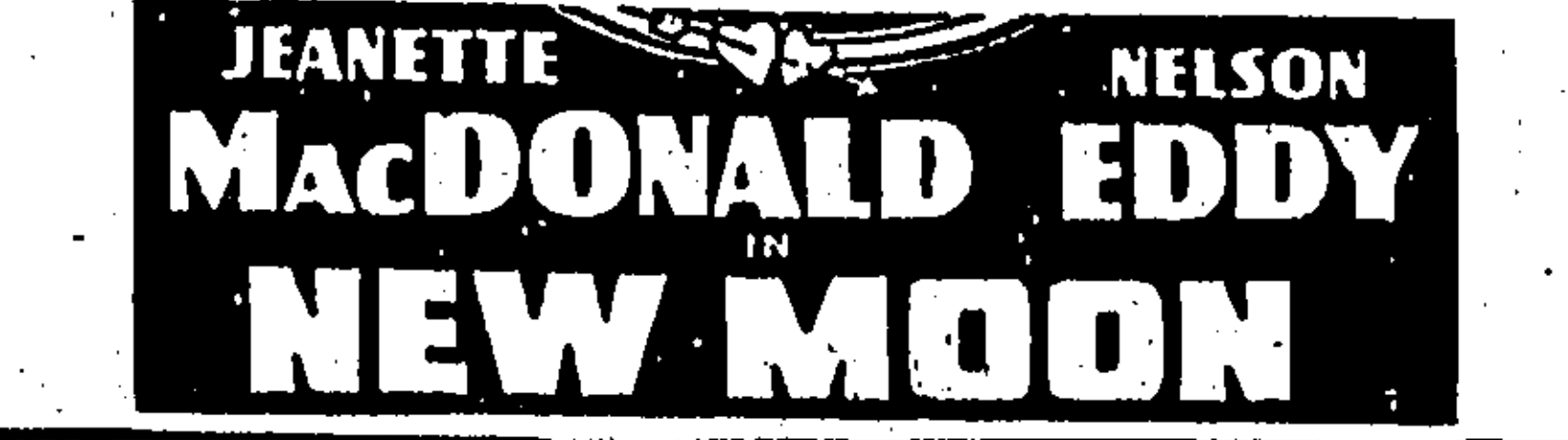
He returned to China towards the end
of the last year to attend the National
People's Assembly, but owing to the
postponement of the convention, he
came to Hongkong for a visit.

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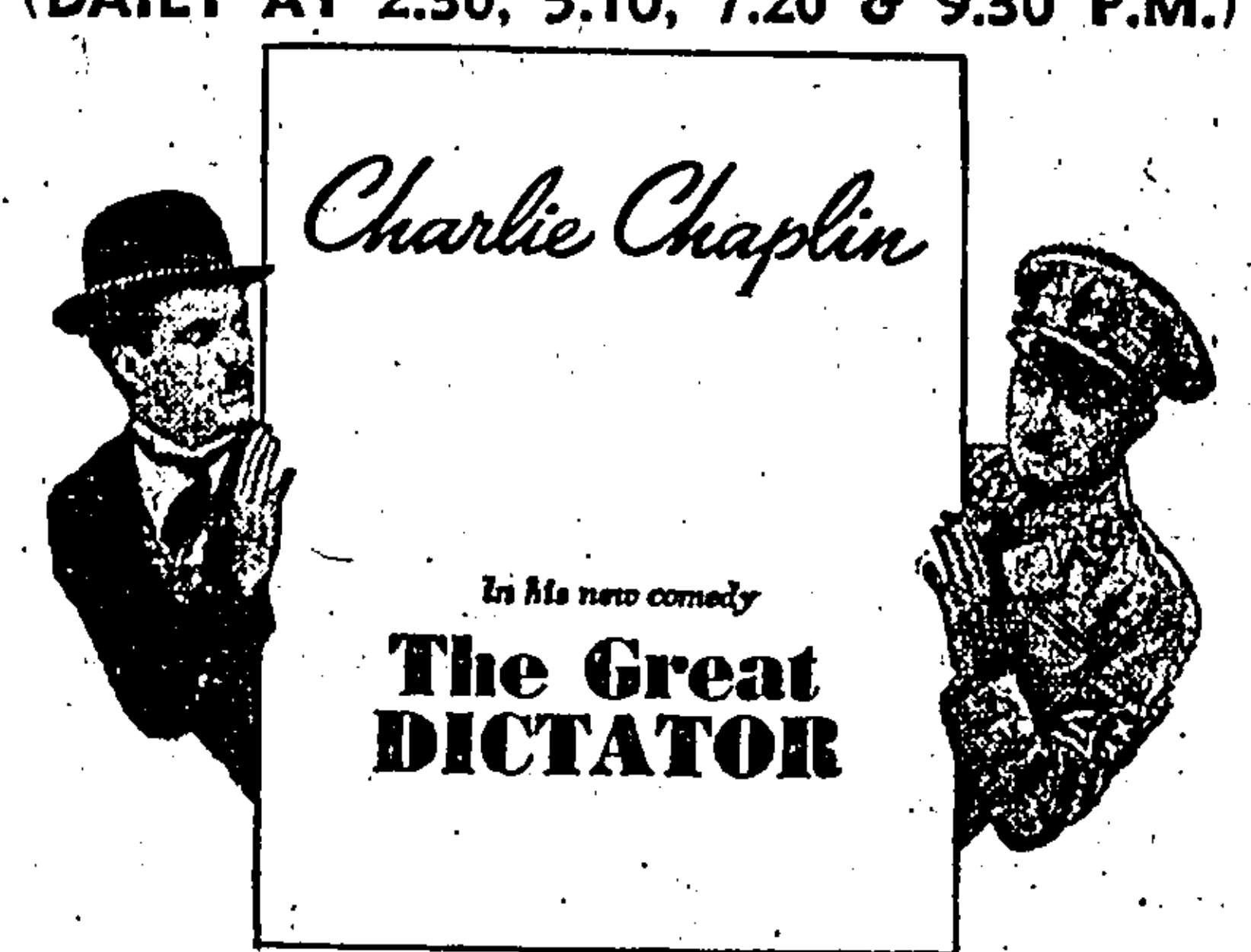
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